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U.S. to step aside for Turkish assault on Kurds in Syria

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House said Sunday that U.S. forces in northeast Syria will move aside and clear the way for an expected Turkish assault, essentially abandoning Kurdish fighters who fought alongside American forces in the yearslong battle to defeat Islamic State militants.

cep Tayyip Erdogan has threatened for months to launch the military operation across the border. He views the Kurdish forces as a threat to his country. Republicans and Democrats have warned that allowing the Turkish attack could lead to a massacre of the Kurds and send a troubling message to American allies across the globe.

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Turkish President Re-



In this Wednesday, July 11, 2018, file photo, President Donald Trump, left, talks with Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, as they arrive together for a family photo at a summit of heads of state and government at NATO headquarters in Brussels.

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U.S. troops "will not support or be involved in the operation" and "will no longer be in the immediate area," in northern Syria, White House press secretary Stephanie Grisham said in an unusual late-Sunday statement that was silent on the fate of the Kurds. There are about 1,000 U.S. troops in northern Syria, and a senior U.S. official said they will pull back from the area — and potentially depart the country entirely should widespread fighting break out between Turkish and Kurdish forces. The announcement followed a call between President Donald Trump and Erdogan, the White House said.

The decision is a stark illustration of Trump's focus on ending American overseas entanglements — one of his key campaign promises. But his goal of swift withdrawals in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan have been stymied by concerns from U.S. officials and American allies about the dangerous voids that would remain. As he faces an impeachment inquiry at home, Trump has appeared more focused on making good on his political pledges, even at the

risk of sending a troubling signal to American allies abroad.

Key Republican leaders in Congress appeared taken aback by the move.

House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., said Monday in an appearance on "Fox & Friends" that he had not spoken with Trump about the decision and had concerns.

"I want to make sure we keep our word for those who fight with us and help us," he said, adding that, "If you make a commitment and somebody is fighting with you. America should keep their word."

One of the show's hosts, Brian Kilmeade, asked McCarthy to try to intervene and "call the president before it's too late."

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., one of Trump's most vocal backers, also weighed in via tweet, saying that, "If press reports are accurate this is a disaster in the making."

Trump, meanwhile, tweeted a lengthy defense Monday morning, writing in all caps that, "WE WILL FIGHT WHERE IT IS TO OUR BENEFIT, AND ONLY FIGHT TO WIN."

In December, Trump announced he was withdraw-



In this image provided by Hawar News Agency, ANHA, U.S. military vehicles travel down a main road in northeast Syria, Monday, Oct. 7, 2019. In this image provided by Hawar News Agency, ANHA, U.S. military vehicles travel down a main road in northeast Syria, Monday, Oct. 7, 2019. Associated Press

ing American troops from Syria but was met with widespread condemnation for abandoning Kurdish allies to the Turkish assault. The announcement prompted the resignation in protest of then-Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, and a coordinated effort by then-national security adviser John Bolton to try to protect the Kurds.

Since January, U.S. officials have tried to broker the creation of a "safe zone" in northern Syria to provide a security buffer between the Turkish military and Kurdish forces, but Turkey has repeatedly objected to its slow implementation. The White House announcement Sunday came a day after Erdogan offered the strongest warning yet of a unilateral military operation into northeastern Syria, as the Turkish military has been dispatching units and defense equipment to its border with the area.

"We have given all kinds of warning regarding the (area) east of the Euphrates to the relevant parties. We have acted with enough patience," Erdogan said.

The Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces threatened to respond forcefully to any Turkish incursion.

"We will not hesitate to turn any unprovoked attack by Turkey into an all-out war on the entire border to DEFEND ourselves and our people," SDF spokesman Mustafa Bali tweeted Saturday.

A Kurdish official speaking on condition of anonymity because he's not authorized to brief reporters said Monday they expect a limited Turkish operation and are still working to ascertain what will happen with American forces in the region. The official said the view is that Kurdish-led forces have a legitimate right to self-defense.

Turkey considers the People's Protection Units, or YPG, an extension of the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, which has waged an insurgency against Turkey for 35 years.

A senior U.S. official said Sunday that American troops will pull back from the security zone in northeastern Syria, where they have been working with Turkish troops, to an unspecified out-of-the-way location. There have been U.S. troops around Manbij. The official added that if Turkey goes ahead with the incursion into Syria, it is expected to trigger a large combat response from the SDF, and U.S. troops will almost certainly withdraw completely from Syria. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations.

U.S. defense leaders have long known that America would not get into an all-out war with Turkey, a NATO ally. But that has been stalled until now by aggressive negotiations by the U.S., urging Turkey against invading. The official said senior leaders never be-

lieved that the U.S. would go to war to save the Kurds, but just hoped to put off that scenario.

The official said U.S. leaders have spoken with the SDF and that the group, which has long fought alongside the U.S. against IS, is disappointed and angry.

Mattis and other Pentagon leaders had worried that withdrawal would lead to a resurgence of IS in the country, particularly if the SDF abandon the prisons holding the fighters to battle Turkey.

The White House statement Sunday said Turkey will take custody of foreign fighters captured in the U.S.-led campaign against the Islamic State group who have been held by the Kurdish forces supported by the U.S.

Ambassador James Jeffrey, the State Department envoy to the international coalition fighting the Islamic State group, and Trump have said the Kurds have custody of thousands of captured Islamic State militants. They include about 2,500 highly dangerous foreign fighters from Europe and elsewhere whose native countries have been reluctant to take them back and another 10,000 or so captured fighters from Syria and Iraq.

Trump has repeatedly demanded that European countries, particularly France and Germany, take back their citizens who joined the militant organization. □

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First lady calls for end of e-cigarette marketing to youth

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Melania Trump said Monday that companies "must stop" marketing e-cigarettes to children, saying they are addictive and dangerous. Marketing tobacco products to kids is already prohibited in the United States, and Juul Labs Inc., the nation's largest maker of electronic cigarettes, has said it will cease advertising them in the U.S.

Still, some believe Juul's early online marketing of e-cigarettes contributed to an explosion in vaping among youth.

Mrs. Trump said "it is important to me that we all work to educate children and families about the dangers associated with this habit." "Marketing this addictive product to children must stop."

The first lady promotes an anti-drug message through the "Be Best" youth initiative she launched in May 2018. She and the president have a 13-year-old son, Barron. Last month, Mrs. Trump tweeted her concerns over the "growing epidemic of e-cigarette use in our children."

She later joined President Donald Trump when he announced from the Oval Office that U.S. health authorities will act to ban thousands of fruity and other flavorings used in e-cigarettes.

Federal statistics show vaping among teens had in-

creased significantly between 2017 and 2018.

More than 1 in 4 high school students reported vaping in the past month, up from 1 in 5 students in 2018, according to the latest statistics.

E-cigarette use among middle students also increased.

Federal health officials have called the trend an "epidemic," and fear teenagers who vape will eventually start smoking.

Mrs. Trump said her visits to hospitals and rehabilitation centers have allowed her to see "the horrible results of drug abuse."

She pledged to "continue to address addiction as long as it affects our children, our youth and our schools."

The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids said it was grateful for the first lady's message and called on the administration to implement its plan and quickly remove all flavored e-cigarettes from the market.

"Flavors have been a key part of the industry's strategy for marketing to kids and have fueled this epidemic," said Vince Willmore, a spokesman for the advocacy group.

Juul has pledged not to lobby against the Trump administration's planned flavor ban.

Other industry representatives, such as the American Vaping Association, which represents makers and retailers of e-cigarettes and

vaping solutions, oppose the planned policy.

Opponents argue the policy could create a "black market" for vaping products and push adults who vape to resume smoking.

Mrs. Trump addressed a rally at the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration headquarters to mark the start of the annual "Red Ribbon Week" on Oct. 23, an observance that came to be after the 1985 torture and slaying of DEA Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena in Mexico.

Americans began wearing red ribbons to honor Camarena's sacrifice, and schools in the region of California where he lived



First lady Melania Trump, applauds student awardees at a Red Ribbon Rally at the Drug Enforcement Agency in Arlington, Va., Monday, Oct. 7, 2019.

Associated Press

formed clubs in his name and pledged to live drug-free lives.

"Red Ribbon Week" was formalized in 1988.

Camarena's widow, Mika, attended the rally. Students seated in the auditorium rose and recited a pledge to stay away from drugs.

Most of those in the audience wore the event's "red ribbon" pin but the first lady did not wear one on her sleeveless black dress. Her office said she was not given a pin by DEA staff before entering the auditorium with acting administrator Uttam Dhillon. □

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Judge says New York prosecutors can see Trump's tax returns

NEW YORK (AP) — With President Donald Trump under siege on Capitol Hill, a federal judge dealt him a setback on another front Monday and ruled that New York City prosecutors can see his tax returns for an investigation into matters including the payment of hush money to porn star Stormy Daniels and a Playboy centerfold.

U.S. District Judge Victor Marrero emphatically rejected Trump's attempt to keep his financial records under wraps, calling the president's broad claim of immunity from all criminal proceedings "extraordinary" and "an overreach of executive power" at odds with the Constitution.

For now, at least, the tax returns remain beyond the reach of prosecutors. The president's lawyers appealed the judge's ruling to the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which put the matter on hold while it considers the case on an expedited basis.

At issue is a request from Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance Jr. that Trump's accounting firm turn over eight years' worth of his business and personal tax returns dating back to 2011.

Vance, a Democrat, is investigating payments made to buy the silence of Daniels and model Karen McDougal, both of whom claimed to have had affairs with the president.

"The Radical Left Democrats have failed on all fronts," Trump fumed on Twitter after the judge's ruling, "so now they are pushing local New York City and State Democrat prosecutors to go get President Trump. A thing like this has never happened to any President before. Not even close!"



In this May 10, 2018, file photo, Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., responds to a question during a news conference in New York.

Associated Press

The district attorney's office declined to comment.

The investigation is unfolding with Trump already facing a fast-moving impeachment drive by House Democrats that was set off by his attempts to get Ukraine's leader to investigate his political rival Joe Biden.

Trump's lawyers have said that Vance's investigation is politically motivated and that the request for tax records should be stopped because Trump is immune from any criminal probe as long as he is president.

The judge swept that claim aside as overly broad.

"As the court reads it, presidential immunity would

stretch to cover every phase of criminal proceedings, including investigations, grand jury proceedings and subpoenas, indictment, prosecution, arrest, trial, conviction, and incarceration," Marrero wrote. "That constitutional protection presumably would encompass any conduct, at any time, in any forum, whether federal or state, and whether the President acted alone or in concert with other individuals." The judge said he couldn't accept that legal view, "especially in the light of the fundamental concerns over excessive arrogation of power" that led the founding fathers to cre-

ate a balance of power among the three branches of government.

Trump has steadfastly refused to make his tax returns public, breaking a tradition set by presidents and White House candidates decades ago. He has also gone to court to fight congressional subpoenas issued to his bank for various personal financial records, including his tax returns. That dispute is also before the federal appeals court. In yet another effort to pry loose Trump's tax records, California recently passed a law requiring candidates for president or governor to turn over five years' worth of returns, or else they can-

not appear on the state's primary ballot. A federal judge blocked the law this month, saying it is probably unconstitutional.

Vance began his probe after federal prosecutors in New York completed their investigation into payments that Trump's former personal lawyer, Michael Cohen, arranged to be made to the two women to keep them silent during the presidential race.

Cohen is serving a three-year prison sentence for crimes that included campaign finance violations in connection with the hush money.

Trump was never charged, though prosecutors said publicly that he was aware of and directed the illegal payments. Justice Department policy has long been that sitting presidents cannot be charged criminally. Grand jury proceedings and records in New York are secret. If Vance gains access to Trump's returns through a grand jury investigation, that doesn't necessarily mean their contents will be disclosed publicly.

It is unclear what Trump's returns might have to do with the criminal investigation or why prosecutors are reaching back as far as 2011.

But the long reach of the subpoena might stem in part from testimony Cohen gave to Congress early this year when he asserted that Trump overstated his wealth to financial institutions before he became president.

Cohen turned over copies of financial statements he said the president provided to Deutsche Bank during a 2014 effort to buy the Buffalo Bills. The statements showed Trump's net worth soaring from \$4.55 billion in 2012 to \$8.66 billion in 2013. □

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GOP Ohio governor's gun plan doesn't include 'red-flag' law

By KANTELE FRANKO
COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Republican Gov. Mike DeWine's new proposals to address Ohio gun violence in the wake of the Dayton mass shooting don't include background-check requirements for gun sales or a so-called red-flag law to restrict firearms for people perceived as threats, despite his earlier support of those ideas.

Instead, his administration detailed legislative proposals Monday intended to increase and improve background checks and ensure people don't have firearms if a court has deemed them to be a danger. Among other changes, the "STRONG Ohio" plan also would increase penalties for anyone who provides a gun to someone who is legally prohibited from having one, and require that certain types of protection orders and arrest warrants be reflected in state and federal law enforcement databases to ensure more

accurate background checks.

DeWine said his team consulted with city leaders, lawmakers and many others and worked to produce proposals that he believes will get results, protect people's rights — and be able to pass the Republican-led Legislature.

"They do not infringe on Second Amendment rights for anyone who has a legal right to own a gun," Lt. Gov. Jon Husted said. "What the plan does is put dangerous people — criminals — on notice that if you're a threat to yourself or others, you are not legally allowed to possess weapons, and we're going to build a system to ensure that you don't."

Husted said the idea of a red-flag law that still protected gun owners' due process proved "inadequate and unworkable" because of the time required for due process and the danger that could pose for law enforcement

and because removing a weapon doesn't ensure the subject won't harm themselves or others. So-called red flag laws allow a court to temporarily seize guns from people believed to be a danger to themselves or others.

The news conference included the legislation's sponsor, GOP Sen. Matt Dolan, of Chagrin Falls, along with supportive statements from Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley and Whitney Austin, a gun owner seriously wounded in a Cincinnati shooting last year.

Whaley, a Democrat, recalled how a crowd chanted "Do something!" as she and DeWine attended a vigil after a shooter in Dayton killed nine people in August. The new proposals don't do enough but are an "important start," she said.

"This is the first time in my career that I have witnessed our state government seriously consider restrictions on access to guns instead



Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine unveils the STRONG Ohio Bill during a news conference Monday, Oct. 7, 2019 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety in Columbus, Ohio.

Associated Press

of allowing more dangerous weapons in our communities," Whaley said.

The top Democrat in the House, Rep. Emilia Strong Sykes, of Akron, objected more bluntly.

"When the people told the governor to do something, they didn't mean to do just anything," she said in a statement. "Ohioans want common sense gun safety. STRONG Ohio is weak."

Advocates from the anti-vi-

olence group Everytown for Gun Safety also criticized DeWine, saying he abandoned his earlier proposals and offered legislation that lacks needed changes.

Another group, Ohioans for Gun Safety, said it applauds DeWine's proposal but will continue its separate, ongoing push to use a petition process to change state law to require background checks on virtually all gun sales. □

Group sues seeking to stop Oklahoma 'permitless carry' law

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A Democratic state representative from Oklahoma City and other advocates for more restrictive gun laws filed a lawsuit Monday challenging a new Oklahoma law that will allow people to carry firearms without a background check or training.

State Rep. Jason Lowe sued in Oklahoma County, arguing that the law violates a state constitutional requirement that bills deal

with only one subject matter.

"This fight is far from over," Lowe said at a news conference. "We believe this law is dangerous."

Dubbed "constitutional carry" by its supporters, the bill signed by Republican Gov. Kevin Stitt would allow most adults to carry firearms, concealed or openly, without the currently required background check or training. Exceptions would include any-

one in the country illegally or those convicted of certain crimes. Firearms would still be prohibited in certain locations, including public buildings, schools, professional sporting events, casinos and bars. The bill, which was the first Stitt signed into law, is scheduled to take effect Nov. 1.

Lowe and other advocates for tighter gun laws already fell short of gathering enough signatures to send the issue to a vote of the

people.

In the lawsuit, attorneys for Lowe and the other plaintiffs argue that the bill deals not just with carrying firearms, but also with self-defense, a campus weapons ban, the transportation of firearms, preemption and other subjects.

"In short, like the numerous acts of the Legislature that have previously been struck down for violating the single-subject rule, HB 2597 addresses 'multiple

subjects that are not germane, relative and cognate to a common theme and purpose," the lawsuit states. Stitt's office declined to comment while the lawsuit is pending.

One of the law's biggest proponents, Don Spencer, executive director of the Oklahoma Second Amendment Association, said he believes Lowe's attempt is a last-ditch effort to derail the law and that it will ultimately fail. □

Court seems ready to require unanimous juries as term opens

By **MARK SHERMAN**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court began a potentially contentious election-year term Monday in seeming general agreement that juries in state criminal trials must be unanimous to convict a defendant.

The justices took up a quirk of constitutional law, a 47-year-old ruling that requires unanimity in federal, but not state trials. Earlier in the day, the court also wrestled with whether states must allow criminal defendants to plead insanity.

The one minor surprise when the justices took the bench just after 10 o'clock was the absence of Justice Clarence Thomas. The 71-year-old Thomas was at home, likely with the flu, the court said.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was in her customary seat to the left of Chief Justice John Roberts. The 86-year-old Ginsburg asked the first question in the insanity arguments.

Ginsburg was treated this summer for a tumor on her pancreas.

Meeting for the first time in public since late June, the court opened a term that could reveal how far to the right and how fast the court's conservative majority will move, even as Roberts has made clear



In this June 17, 2019 file photo, The Supreme Court is seen in Washington.

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he wants to keep the court clear of Washington partisan politics. The court is beginning its second term with both of President Donald Trump's Supreme Court appointees, Justices Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh, on board.

The justices could be asked to intervene in disputes between congressional Democrats and the White House that might also involve the possible impeachment of the Republican president. Roberts would preside over a Senate trial of Trump if the House were to impeach him.

Its biggest decisions, in

cases involving abortion, protections for young immigrants and LGBT rights, are likely to be handed down in late June, four months before the election.

Those cases probably will highlight the divisions on a court made up of five conservatives appointed by Republican presidents and four liberals named by Democrats.

But on Monday, conservative and liberal justices appeared to agree that the same rules should apply in federal and state trials. They heard arguments in an appeal by a Louisiana man who is serving a life

term for killing a woman after a jury voted 10-2 to convict him. Oregon is the only other state that allows for non-unanimous convictions for some crimes.

Louisiana voters have changed the law for crimes committed beginning this year.

The court has formally held that most of the Bill of Rights applies to states as well as the federal government, but it has not done so on the Sixth Amendment's unanimous jury requirement.

"What about the constitutional rights of people in prison?" Gorsuch asked

Louisiana Solicitor General Elizabeth Murrill, who argued that the state's court system could be inundated with claims if the justices rule against Louisiana.

A decision for defendant Evangelisto Ramos would result in his conviction being overturned and also would affect defendants who are still appealing their convictions. But the court is not expected to say anything about defendants whose cases are final. It would take another round of lawsuits to figure that out.

The case about an insanity defense comes from Kansas, where James Kraig Kahler was sentenced to death for killing his estranged wife, two teenage daughters and his wife's grandmother.

Kahler wanted to mount an insanity defense, but Kansas is one of four states that eliminated a defendant's ability to plead not guilty by reason of insanity. Idaho, Montana and Utah are the others. Alaska also limits the insanity defense.

It was unclear how the case would come out. Justice Elena Kagan suggested that even if Kahler were to win at the Supreme Court and could plead insanity, he ultimately would not get a reprieve from his conviction. In no state, she said, "would your client be found insane." □

2 victims of 1944 circus fire exhumed in ID attempt



In this July 6, 1944 file photo people flee a fire in the big top of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus in Hartford, Conn.

Associated Press

By **DAVE COLLINS**
Associated Press

WINDSOR, Conn. (AP) — Authorities exhumed the

bodies Monday of two victims of the 1944 Hartford circus fire in the hopes of determining whether one of them is a woman who is among five people still listed as missing after the tragedy.

The exhumations at Northwood Cemetery in Windsor, Connecticut, occurred about 2 miles (3 kilometers) from the site of the big top fire that killed 168 people and injured 682 others.

Forensic experts at the Connecticut chief medical examiner's office will try to determine whether one of the two unidentified women was 47-year-old

Grace Fifield, of Newport, Vermont, who was never seen again after attending the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus on July 6, 1944.

Officials will compare DNA samples taken from the remains to samples provided by Fifield's granddaughter, Sandra Sumrow. A message seeking comment was left for Sumrow on Monday.

Fifield is one of five people still listed as missing — and the same number of unidentified victims are buried at Northwood Cemetery. Testing is needed to conclusively identify them.

Only two of them could possibly be Fifield — women buried under markers as 2109 and 4512, the case numbers assigned by the Hartford County coroner.

"One of the key questions that medicolegal investigators want to answer in any death investigation is, who are you?" said Dr. James Gill, the chief medical examiner. "Properly identifying remains has important legal ramifications, but the most important reason is to confirm the identity for the next of kin."

The skeletal remains of the two victims were in cement vaults, Gill said. □

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U.S.: Human smuggling leader at Canadian border in custody

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — A man federal prosecutors say led a human smuggling organization on the U.S.-Canadian border for five years was ordered held Monday until he goes to trial.

Godofredo Rivas-Melendez, 60, a Canadian citizen who was born in El Salvador, was deported from Canada and taken into custody by U.S. authorities Oct. 1 in Champlain, New York, officials said in court filings. He pleaded not guilty last week in U.S. District Court in Burlington, Vermont.

No trial date has been set. His attorney did not return a call seeking comment.

Beginning in as early as 2013 and until August 2018, Rivas-Melendez's organization charged thousands of dollars to smuggle people into Vermont and New York from Canada, a federal court indictment said.

He "and other conspirators would offer alien smuggling services to people living in Canada from foreign countries, including Central and South America, who wished to enter the United States," the indictment said. Rivas-Melendez would house the people seeking to enter the United States illegally at hotels or his home until they were ready to try entering the United States. Members of the organization would then drive their customers from Montreal "to areas very close to the border between Canada and the United States,

sometimes in New York but usually in Vermont."

Members of the organization would guide the people across the border on foot at night, avoiding roads and official ports of entry. Once in the United States, the people would be picked up by others working with the organization and taken to their desired location in the United States.

Rivas-Melendez was arrested in Canada on a U.S. warrant, said Kraig LaPorte, a spokesman for the Vermont office of the U.S. attorney. He would not say how many people the organization is estimated to have smuggled into the United States.

Officials with the U.S. Border Patrol in a 300-mile area that includes upstate New York, Vermont and New Hampshire have for years spoken of organizations that specialized in helping people cross the border illegally.

A Border Patrol agent in Vermont last year described the smuggling as "very well organized."

It is about a six-hour drive to New York City from Vermont's border with Canada. The areas where the illegal crossing activity shifts, agents say.

In the summer of 2018, the focus of illegal crossing was in the Derby Line, Vermont, area. The Border Patrol says that this year, most of the illegal border crossing has shifted west to locations in upstate New York. □

FBI: Inmate is most prolific serial killer in U.S. history

By TAMARA LUSH and ADRIAN SAINZ
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) —

The inmate who claims to have killed more than 90 women across the country is now considered to be the most prolific serial killer in U.S. history, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said.

Samuel Little, who has been behind bars since 2012, told investigators last year that he was responsible for about 90 killings nationwide between 1970 and 2005. In a news release on Sunday, the FBI announced that federal crime analysts believe all of his confessions are credible, and officials have been able to verify 50 confessions so far.

Investigators also provided new information and details about five cases in Florida, Arkansas, Kentucky, Nevada and Louisiana.

The 79-year-old Little is serving multiple life sentences in California. He says he strangled his 93 victims, nearly all of them women. Some of his victims were on the margins of society. Many were originally deemed overdoses, or attributed to accidental or undetermined causes. Some bodies were never found.

The FBI provided 30 drawings of some of his victims — color portraits that were drawn by Little himself in prison. They are haunting portraits, mostly of black women.

The agency also provided videos taken during prison interviews with Little. He



In this Monday, Nov. 26, 2018 file photo, Samuel Little, who often went by the name Samuel McDowell, leaves the Ector County Courthouse after attending a pre-trial hearing in Odessa, Texas. Associated Press

described how he spoke about a woman he strangled in 1993 — and how he rolled her down a slope on a desolate road.

"I heard a secondary road noise and that meant she was still rolling," he said.

In another video, he described a victim in New Orleans. "She was pretty. Light colored, honey brown skin," he said with a small smile. "She was tall for a woman. Beautiful shape. And, uh, friendly."

It was 1982, and they met in a club. She left with him in his Lincoln, and they parked by a bayou.

"That's the only one that I ever killed by drowning," he said.

Investigators around the country are still trying to piece together his confessions with unidentified remains and unsolved cases from decades past. In August, he pleaded guilty to

murdering four women in Ohio. He was convicted in California of three slayings in 2013 and pleaded guilty to another killing last year in Texas.

Authorities in Knox County, Tennessee, said Monday that a woman named Martha Cunningham was likely a victim of Little's. The Knoxville News Sentinel reported in December that a cold case investigator with the Knox County Sheriff's Office had identified the victim who Little called "Martha." The Knoxville mother's body was found in a wooded area in eastern Knox County in 1975. Cunningham's body was found by a pair of hunters on the afternoon of Jan. 18, 1975. She was bruised and nude from the waist down; her pantyhose and girdle bunched around her knees. Her purse and some of her jewelry were missing. □

Macron shifts right on immigration as asylum demands grow

PARIS (AP) — French lawmakers are grappling with one of the country's thorniest issues.

On Monday, they began debating immigration, at a time when tent cities have expanded in urban areas across the country and asylum demands are spiking. With municipal elections months away, President Emmanuel Macron has pledged to confront immigration head-on during the second half of his term.

A new immigration law was passed in 2018, but Macron made clear last month that he intends to further toughen his stance, describing immigration as a "working class" problem and appealing to lawmakers not to cede the issue to the far right.

Quotas — a nearly taboo word in some political quarters — aren't off the table, Prime Minister Edouard Philippe said in a speech opening the debate.

"I'm not afraid of reflecting on the idea of quotas," he told lawmakers, adding that he does not envisage quotas for asylum seekers but left unclear where quo-



French far-right National Rally leader Marine Le Pen attends a debate on immigration reform, at the National Assembly, in Paris, Monday, Oct. 7, 2019.

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tas might be instituted. Asylum requests have fallen across Europe since the 2015 migration crisis. But in France, they've continued to climb, reaching more than 123,000 in 2018, according to government statistics. Philippe said that represents an increase of 22% compared with 2017. Aid workers say an increas-

ingly backlogged and convoluted asylum system has left migrants vulnerable, waiting on the streets for weeks or even years. Near the Porte de la Chapelle in northern Paris, migrants line up each morning for a plastic cup of coffee, bread, and, for some, news about their asylum applications.

Mohammed Jan, a Pakistani asylum seeker who arrived in France last month, has been sleeping in a park while his wife seeks treatment for a medical condition. He said he struggles to find decent food and often awakens to mice and rain seeping through cracks in his tent.

"My eyes see France, but

my mind does not accept France," he said. "I'm afraid."

Inside the gilded chamber of France's National Assembly, lawmakers debated how the country should treat immigrants like Jan.

"Today, the French asylum system is saturated," Philippe told lawmakers. Improving the welcome for new arrivals means improving their integration.

France, he said "must not be more or less attractive than its neighbors ... We must face reality, without any taboo, methodically, without renouncing any of our principles."

Philippe presented six topics for consideration, including restricting asylum seekers' access to social services.

Ministers stressed that 30% of asylum seekers in France previously applied for asylum elsewhere in Europe — meaning that France should not bear responsibility for them, according to an EU accord.

Some politicians on the right are pushing to eliminate state medical assistance for migrants. □

Climate protests block roads across Europe to demand action

BERLIN (AP) — Activists with the Extinction Rebellion movement blocked major roads across major European cities Monday, kicking off a wide-ranging series of protests demanding much more urgent action against climate change.

In Berlin, around 1,000 people blocked the Grosser Stern, a traffic circle in the middle of the German capital's Tiergarten park dominated by the landmark Victory Column. That protest began before dawn.

At Monday lunchtime, another 300 people blocked Berlin's central Potsdamer Platz, placing couches, tables, chairs and flowerpots on the road. Police said the protests were peaceful.

Members of Extinction Rebellion over the weekend set up a tent camp outside Chancellor Angela Merkel's office to prepare for the



A man wearing a gas mask stand on top of a car as other demonstrators block Trafalgar Square in central London Monday, Oct. 7, 2019.

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protests, reflecting dissatisfaction with a climate policy package drawn up last month by her government. Demonstrators playing steel drums marched through central London as they kicked off two weeks of ac-

tivities designed to disrupt the city.

London police said some 135 climate activists had been arrested. Extinction Rebellion said protesters from the XR Peace group were arrested as they

blocked Victoria Embankment, outside the Ministry of Defense.

Among those arrested was 81-year-old Sarah Lasenby, a retired social worker from Oxford.

"It is imperative the government should take serious actions and put pressure on other states and global powers to radically reduce the use of fossil fuels," she said.

In Amsterdam, hundreds of demonstrators blocked a major road outside the Rijksmuseum, one of the city's most popular tourist attractions, and set up tents. The protest went ahead despite a city ban on activists gathering on the road. The protesters ignored police calls for them to move to a nearby square.

In Spain, a few dozen activists briefly chained themselves to each other and

to an elevated road over a major artery in the Madrid, snarling traffic during the morning rush hour. The National Police said 33 activists were taken to their premises and three were arrested for resisting orders by anti-riot officers.

A few hundred other protesters camped out in 40 tents at the gates of Spain's Ministry of Ecological Transition.

Those at the Berlin protests included activist Carola Rackete, best known as the German captain of a humanitarian rescue ship who was arrested for docking in an Italian port without authorization this year to disembark migrants rescued at sea.

"We must stay here and rebel until the government proclaims an ecological emergency and acts accordingly," Rackete said. □



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UN racism rapporteur criticizes Dutch burqa ban

By MIKE CORDER
Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — A U.N. racism rapporteur has criticized the recently implemented Dutch burqa ban as doing "more harm than good." Tendayi Achime, a rapporteur for the U.N. Human Rights Council, said Monday that the small number of women who wear face-covering Islamic veils reported suffering more harassment since the law went into force on Aug. 1. While the law bans all sorts of face-covering clothing on public transportation, in government buildings and at health and education institutions, Achime said "the political discourse surrounding it has made clear that Muslim women are its intended targets." She added: "This law has no place in a society that prides itself in promoting

gender equality."

In a preliminary report following a visit to the Netherlands, Achime also touched on the thorny issue of Dutch colonial history. She said the government should do more to teach people about the "histories of slavery and colonialism as histories of systematic racial subordination." Last month, a museum in Amsterdam decided to stop calling the 17th century, when the Netherlands was a mercantile, military and artistic superpower, the "Golden Age," saying the term glosses over "the many negative sides of the 17th century, such as poverty, war, forced labor and human trafficking." The decision ignited heated reactions, with Prime Minister Mark Rutte, who studied Dutch history in college, calling the move "nonsense."



Tendayi Achime, a rapporteur for the UN Human Rights Council, answers questions during a press conference in The Hague, Netherlands, Monday, Oct. 7, 2019.

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In her report, following days of meetings with government and municipal officials, rights activists and other groups, Achime praised the Dutch government for promoting gender equality and the rights of

LGBTI people and urged similar efforts to improve racial and ethnic equality. The final report will be published next year. Social Affairs Ministry spokesman Coen Gelinck said the Dutch government

is striving for an inclusive society, but acknowledged "there is still work to be done." She also welcomed news that a traditional children's character called Black Piet, a sidekick to the Dutch version of St. Nicholas, has been replaced at a nationally televised celebration next month with a version of the Piet character who has soot smudges on his face rather than full blackface makeup. She said the Black Piet character, which has sparked heated confrontations in recent years between activists who oppose and support him, "embodies degrading and dehumanizing racial stereotypes about black people." About one quarter of the Dutch population of just over 17 million were born overseas or have at least one parent who was born overseas. □

Austria's Kurz given task of putting together new government

VIENNA (AP) — Austrian center-right leader Sebastian Kurz embarked Monday on what could be the lengthy task of forming a new government, citing a looming economic downturn, unregulated migration and climate change among the challenges the next administration will face. President Alexander Van der Bellen formally tasked Kurz, 33, with putting together a government after his People's Party emerged from an election a week ago as the strongest by far. The resounding win left him poised to return to government after a scandal surrounding his junior partner in the last administration, the Freedom Party, led to the government's collapse

in May.

Kurz can choose between reviving his previous coalition with the Freedom Party, forming a coalition with the center-left Social Democrats, or allying with the resurgent Greens. Although Kurz is in a comfortable position, all three options carry risks. It is questionable how stable a new coalition with the Freedom Party would be, particularly after it suffered significant losses in the Sept. 29 election. An alliance with the Social Democrats, a familiar and unloved combination that has frequently run post-World War II Austrian governments, could undermine Kurz's image as a fresh face bringing change to the country.

And Kurz might struggle to bridge policy differences with the Greens, who are confident after seeing their support soar and returning to parliament following a two-year absence. Kurz said he will open formal discussions with other party leaders this week. "The biggest challenge that faces us immediately is the question of how best to deal with the looming economic downswing," he said, pointing to U.S.-Europe trade tensions, uncertainty over Brexit and weak economic data in bigger neighbor Germany. He insisted that the new government must also continue to reduce Austrians' tax burden. Kurz also said that "it will be important to continue



Austrian President Alexander Van der Bellen, left, welcomes Sebastian Kurz, right, head of the Austrian People's Party, OeVP, prior to their talks at the Hofburg palace in Vienna, Austria, Monday, Oct. 7, 2019.

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along our determined path of combating illegal migration in Austria and in Europe," which was a prominent feature of his previ-

ous government with the Freedom Party, and to take national and international action against climate change. □

Iraqi police replacing army in volatile Baghdad neighborhood

By **QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA**
Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's prime minister on Monday ordered the police to replace the army in a heavily populated Shiite neighborhood of Baghdad where dozens of people were killed or wounded in weekend clashes stemming from anti-government protests, the military said.

Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi gave the order after a week of violence in Iraq left more than 100 dead and thousands wounded. Since Oct. 1, spontaneous rallies have erupted in Baghdad and a number of southern cities by Iraqis demanding jobs, better basic services such as electricity and water, and an end to endemic corruption. Security forces have responded with live ammunition and tear gas to quell the protests.

The unrest is the most serious challenge facing Iraq, two years after the victory against Islamic State



A street vendor sells coffee to the Iraqi Federal police as they deployed in Sadr City, Baghdad, Iraq, Monday, Oct. 7, 2019.

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militants. The chaos also comes at a critical time for the government, which has been caught in the middle of increasing tensions between Iran and the U.S. in the region. Iraq is allied with both countries and hosts thousands of U.S. troops, as well as powerful paramili-

tary forces allied with Iran. Monday's order for withdrawing the army from Sadr City appears aimed at calming tensions in the sprawling neighborhood, where populist Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr enjoys wide support. The army statement said

excessive force was used in Sadr City, adding that officers and soldiers who "carried out these wrong acts" will be held accountable. A day after the protests began, authorities imposed a curfew and blocked the internet to try to quell the unrest. The curfew, ignored

by protesters, was lifted Saturday and the internet was restored after sunset Monday.

"Police forces have taken over security and deployed today in Sadr City to preserve the lives of citizens and protect protesters," police commander Maj. Gen. Jaafar Battat said.

Hundreds gathered on side streets near Sadr City, a Baghdad suburb about 4 kilometers (2.5 miles) from the central Tahrir Square, which has been the destination of demonstrators, although authorities prevented them from reaching it.

Iraqi security officials said 14 protesters were killed and 62 wounded on Sunday, many of them in Sadr City.

Baghdad streets were relatively quiet Monday with no protesters seen outside. Tahrir Square looked more like an army barracks, with a heavy military and police presence making it difficult for protesters to reach the area. □

Israeli officials wrap up Netanyahu's pre-indictment hearing

By **ARON HELLER**
Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's state prosecutors and Benjamin Netanyahu's lawyers concluded the pre-indictment hearing over a slew of corruption allegations against the prime minister on Monday.

Netanyahu's lawyers arrived at the Justice Ministry in Jerusalem for the fourth and final day of the proceedings where they were meeting with Attorney General Avichai Mandelblit and his team to appeal that the cases against Netanyahu be dropped.

Mandelblit has recommended that Netanyahu be indicted for fraud, breach of trust and bribery in three separate cases that have dogged the long-serving premier. The hearing is the final step before the attorney general decides whether to issue a formal indictment.

At the end of Monday's hearing, Netanyahu's attorney, Amit Hadad, told



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks during his party's faction meeting in Jerusalem, Thursday., Oct. 3, 2019, ahead of swearing-in of the new Israel's parliament.

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reporters that the prime minister's lawyers "hope and expect that at the end of the four long days of the hearing, all the cases will be closed." The attorney general is expected to render his final decision by the end of the year.

The legal woes come as Netanyahu is fighting for his political survival, with the country's unprecedented second election of the year failing to provide him with a clear victory. In last month's election, neither Netanyahu nor his chief challenger, Benny Gantz,

secured the required parliamentary majority to form a new government. Both men have expressed support for a unity government as a way out of the deadlock, but they remain far apart on who should lead it and what smaller parties would join them.

Gantz and his centrist Blue and White Party have so far rejected a partnership with Netanyahu, citing his legal woes. A failure to reach a deal could trigger a third election in less than a year. Netanyahu is desperate to stay on as prime minister, a post he can use as a pulpit as he tries to fend off any charges. Israeli law requires Cabinet ministers to step down if charged with a crime. But the law is vague for sitting prime ministers, meaning he could theoretically remain in the post if he is indicted, though he would likely face calls to step aside.

The allegations against Netanyahu include suspicions that he accepted hundreds of thousands of dollars of champagne and cigars from billionaire friends, offered to trade favors with a newspaper publisher and used his influence to help a wealthy telecom magnate in exchange for favorable coverage on a popular news site. □

Hard-line protesters resume violence over Hong Kong mask ban

By EILEEN NG

Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — Riot police fanned out across Hong Kong on Monday night as groups of hard-line protesters took to the streets in continued violence since the government banned face masks at rallies, pushing the semi-autonomous Chinese territory into deeper crisis.

The scenes in at least six locations across the city have almost become the norm, with groups of black-clad youths setting up road barriers to block traffic, smashing traffic lights and shops linked to China, and breaking into and vandalizing shuttered subway stations.

Riot police fired tear gas, charged at crowds and took position on streets. A number of protesters were detained. The night violence broke the day's relative calm, when hundreds of people gathered in several malls to sing protest songs and chant slogans. The mask ban, which took effect Saturday under an emergency law, has led to more anger instead of deterring the anti-govern-



Staff from China Unicom mobile network clean outside the shop as it was damaged during a weekend protest in Hong Kong, Monday, Oct. 7, 2019.

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ment demonstrations that have rocked the international financial hub for four months.

"Wearing a mask is not a crime!" has become a new battle cry at daily rallies that have degenerated into skirmishes between police and hard-core protesters.

Earlier Monday, an 18-year-old student and a 38-year-

old woman became the first to be prosecuted under the mask ban, which is punishable by up to a year in prison and a fine.

Detained early Saturday shortly after the ban took effect, the two were also charged with taking part in an unlawful assembly, which carries a heavier penalty of up to five years in jail. They were both re-

leased on bail pending trial. "I am wearing a mask to come here today ... this is a form of silent protest," said 16-year-old student Bao Yeung, who was among a large group of supporters outside the court.

The protests were sparked by a now-shelved bill that would have allowed some criminal suspects to be sent to mainland China for trial

but have since morphed into a larger anti-government movement. Protesters are upset at what they say is Beijing's increasing influence over the former British colony, which was promised a high level of autonomy when it returned to Chinese rule in 1997.

Sunday's protest also drew a first warning from the Chinese military after some demonstrators shined laser pointers at one of its barracks in Hong Kong. Police said rioters also attacked bystanders, including two men left unconscious after bloody beatings and a woman who took photos of rioting.

In a statement Monday, police said the "public order of the whole city is being pushed to the verge of a very dangerous situation." The chaos has led many shops and public services to close and prompted panic buying in some areas.

The city's MTR network of subways and trains, which was entirely shut down Saturday and most of Sunday, reopened partially on Monday, a Chinese public holiday. □

North Korea criticizes upcoming UN Security Council meeting

By EDITH M. LEDERER

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — North Korea on Monday denounced a scheduled U.N. Security Council discussion of its latest test of an underwater-launched ballistic missile, calling it "dangerous" and saying it will increase "our desire to defend our sovereignty." The council scheduled closed consultations Tuesday on recent North Korean tests at the request of the United Kingdom, France and Germany. North Korea's U.N. Ambassador Kim Song told several reporters Monday the United States is "behind the impure moves" of the three countries, saying the meeting would not take place without the consent of the Trump administration. Weekend discussions between senior U.S. and North

Korean officials in Stockholm broke down amid acrimony. The talks were the first since the second summit between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un collapsed in Vietnam in February due to squabbling over how much sanctions relief should be given to the North in return for dismantling its main nuclear complex.

Pyongyang's chief nuclear negotiator Kim Myong Gil told reporters at Beijing's airport on his way home Monday that "whether or not there are further talks will depend on the U.S." He described talks with his U.S. counterpart, Stephen Biegun, on Saturday as "very bad and sickening," and stressed that the U.S. had "not presented any new initiative."

Ambassador Kim, the U.N.

envoy, stressed the timing of the Security Council meeting, saying the three European countries should seriously consider this issue, which he called "very important."

He said no matter what the United Kingdom, France and Germany pursue, "we will never tolerate this dangerous attempt" and will never sit idly by against those taking issue with what he repeatedly called "our defensive measures."

He called the Oct. 3 test of a new-type SLBM Pukguk-song-3 in the waters off Wonsan Bay one of the country's "self-defensive measures," saying that "it has no effect on security of neighboring countries."

"The United States and its followers should bear in mind that if they raise the issue of our self-defensive measures at the U.N. Se-



A TV screen shows a file image of a North Korea's missile launch during a news program at the Seoul Railway Station in Seoul, South Korea, Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2019.

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curity Council, it will further boost our desire to defend our sovereignty," Kim said. "So we really sharply watch every move of the United States and the United Nations Security Council." Calling the planned council meeting "dangerous to

our sovereignty," he said, "Please carefully watch what we do in the future." Kim said North Korea doesn't recognize any Security Council meetings that address "our self-defensive measures" so he won't be there on Tuesday. □

Evo Morales not trending among Bolivia's youth ahead of vote

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — A series of memes that have gone viral in Bolivia show President Evo Morales combatting raging forest fires with a toy water gun or a flamethrower, while others superimpose his image on the original cast of the "Ghostbusters" film.

Many young Bolivians have used the memes to poke fun at South America's longest-serving leftist leader and what they say was his delayed response to thousands of forest fires they blame on his push to develop areas with slash-and-burn agriculture. As the blazes raged, Morales appeared in televised images personally battling flames with a water-filled backpack and nozzle.

Supporters of Bolivia's first indigenous president say that showed the lengths to which he will go to protect the country's forests, but many young people don't buy it. And with young voters making up about a third of Bolivia's electorate, they could determine the Oct. 20 election in which Morales is seeking a fourth term.

"If the president would have acted before, we wouldn't



In this Aug. 27, 2019 file photo courtesy of Bolivia's Communication Ministry press office, Bolivian President Evo Morales sprays water on a fire burning on the outskirts of Robore, Bolivia.

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be mourning so much loss or the death of so many animals. ... I'm reconsidering my vote," said Rolando Condori, 26, a chef at a restaurant in the city of El Alto. Condori said he has cast ballots for the 59-year-old Morales since he became eligible to vote at age 18. But now he is listening to other candidates to see who can provide jobs and take care of the environ-

ment, which have become top issues ahead of the election.

Young Bolivians have been outraged by fires that consumed an estimated 4 million hectares (15,440 square miles) in the past two months, blazes that flew partly under the radar as world attention focused on fires in neighboring Brazil's Amazon.

Most of the fires in Bolivia

have been in dry forests, prairies and farmland in the southeastern Chiquitania region in Santa Cruz province, although some affected the country's Amazon region.

"Before the fires, Morales had his triumph assured," said Marcelo Carpio of the network of Leaders for Democracy and Development, a political science school.

Opponents say a decree issued by Morales' administration in July allowing some controlled burns for agricultural purposes contributed to the environmental disaster. The government denies the forest fires were caused by the decree, saying farmers have cleared land with burns for years and most are still done illegally.

In Morales' 14 years in office, poverty has dropped in South America's poorest country and the president still maintains a broad base of support, even among the young.

"To me, (his re-election) would be good for our Bolivia," said Aldair Hermoso, an 18-year-old who recently quit school to pursue his dream of becoming a professional soccer player. "Evo Morales will be a good president."

But this support has diminished following corruption scandals, allegations about manipulation of the justice system and his insistence on running for yet another term.

Opinion polls, which say many young voters are undecided, point to a competitive election, and the possibility of a runoff vote. □

Student leader who confronted Ortega returns to Nicaragua



In this May 16, 2018 file photo, student representative Lester Aleman interrupts Nicaragua's President Daniel Ortega, shouting that he must halt the repression, during the opening of the national dialogue on the outskirts of Managua, Nicaragua.

Associated Press

By GABRIELA SELSER
Associated Press

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — A Nicaraguan university student leader who confronted President

Daniel Ortega in the first, failed talks on solving the country's political standoff returned to the Central American country Monday after spending a year in ex-

ile in the United States.

Lester Aleman, 21, arrived on a flight from Miami and was met at Managua's international airport by other student leaders and opposition figures.

Aleman told journalists he is running a "very high risk" by returning, but that won't stop him.

"The decision has been totally personal and I am not encouraging anybody to return," he said, "because the repression in the country continues."

Anti-government protests erupted in April 2018 and were met with a tough crackdown by security forces and armed, allied civilian groups. The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights says 328 people were killed, hundreds arrested and at least 70,000 fled into exile.

The government accuses the opposition of attempting a "failed coup d'etat."

Aleman was a fourth-year journalism student when the unrest began and became well-known after he urged Ortega to resign during the nationally televised talks in May 2018.

"This is not a table of dialogue. This is a table to negotiate your exit and you know it well," he told the president. "Give up!"

After several months hiding in safe houses, Aleman said in September 2018 that police were seeking to arrest him and fled across the southern border into Costa Rica.

He said he was able to re-enter Nicaragua on Monday without restriction, though immigration officials asked him some questions.

"They delayed in stamping my passport and asked me (where was) the exit stamp," he added, without giving details on how he left Nicaragua last year.

"Nothing is normal" in Nicaragua," Aleman said. Otherwise, "those would come to greet me would be my parents and I would take a taxi to my house, but I can't do that."

He vowed to continue "fighting for justice and democracy" and urged the government to resume negotiations with the opposition.

Other exiled opposition figures have returned to Nicaragua in recent weeks, two of whom then alleged they were being followed and harassed by paramilitaries. Ortega officials have repeatedly said they consider protesters "terrorists." □

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Safeguarding Nature Television Program- Bonaire, Saba and St. Eustatius



Part of Bonaire's safeguarding nature television program: Nerio Finies is proudly showing presenter Julianka Clarenda the walking trails around Goto Lake that were created as part of the nature funding project POP Bonaire. - Copyrights reserved.

KRALENDIJK, BONAIRE — On behalf of the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature & Food Quality, the Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance (DCNA) together with local organizations made a nature television program highlighting the results of some of the 'Nature Funding' projects of each of the public entities of Bonaire, Saba en St. Eustatius. The program premiered during Minister Schouten's visit last month.

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Projects included
Bonaire: reforestation (Echo), Bonaire Caves and Karst Nature Reserve (CARIBSS and WILDCONSCIENCE), ecological restoration of Lac Bay (STINAPA Bonaire and Mangrove Maniacs), coral restoration

(Reef Renewal Foundation Bonaire), protecting sea turtle nesting sites (Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire) and a sustainable agriculture and rural development program (POP Bonaire).

Saba: Local Food production (Public Entity Saba), Tent Reef Protection (Public Entity Saba), Mount Scenery Trails (Public Entity Saba, Saba Conservation Foundation), Saba Bank noise loggers (Saba Conservation Foundation, Wageningen Marine Research)

St. Eustatius: Roaming Animals (Government of St. Eustatius), Coral restoration (Stenapa), Nature Awareness (CNSI), Hurricane Reconstruction (Stenapa, Made in Statia) and Rodent control (CNSI and Eastern Caribbean Public Health Foundation).

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In the wake of the constitutional change in 2010, the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature & Food Quality, as part of its Nature Policy Plan for the Caribbean Netherlands, reserved an amount of \$9.8 million for a period of four years to fund overdue maintenance of nature. In particular for projects aimed at preservation of coral especially by ero-

sion prevention, improving the sustainable use of nature, and/or improving the synergy between nature, land use (agriculture) and tourism. These funds have come to be known as the "Nature Funds" or "Natuurgeld".

The funding was provided to the island governments of the Caribbean Netherlands. Only they could make proposals. The island governments sought out projects based on consultation with nature organizations and/or their own policy priorities.

The Nature Fund got off to a slow start as both the formulation of proposals and process of review, selection and contracting took a lot of time, and many of the original funding proposals did not meet the criteria

and had to be modified or amended. Nevertheless, between October 2013 and October 2017 a total of 23 projects were approved, 10 on Bonaire, 7 on Saba and 6 on St. Eustatius. This television program celebrates the achievements of each of these projects, as they all were completed by October 1st, 2019.

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A Scientific journey across the island

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It was in the first week of January 1885; Aruba had received an interesting visitor in the person of a German Professor, Dr. K. Martin of the Leyden University who was a passionate Geologist with a special interest in moths and butterflies. He came for agro-geological research, but left a book of cultural- historical value and he was accompanied by the students Van der Pol, De Haan and Molengraaff, and also by Professor Dr. Suringa. The island journey was planned to start on the 29th of January, at six o'clock in the morning. Professor Martin is the one who will narrate his adventure: "We were to depart, but we were about to experience that time is something scarcely heeded on Aruba for of the five donkeys and three servants we had managed to obtain with great difficulty the previous evening nothing was as yet to be seen. True, our guide gave himself every conceivable trouble to accelerate our journey, but only after the lapse of more than an hour was everything ready, the donkeys with their saddles and girths having meanwhile been wetted through by a sudden shower."

Past Hooiberg and the picturesque fields the company journeyed to Santa Cruz, reaching the road via Spanish Lagoon in order to go from there to the extreme eastern point of the island, Ceru Colorado.

"For a considerable time masses of stone having the height of good-sized houses and consisting of heavy worn-off diorite rocks grayly striped by the weather are the only objects arresting our attention in the midst of the high cacti surrounding them, for the sandy soil stretching between is very thinly covered with plants and its monotonous hue is rather enlivened by the bluish green backs of lizards than by any vegetation. Our eyes are aching and we prefer to lift our glance from the shade less road."

He continues his story: "About noon we arrived at Spanish Lagoon on the south-west coast of the island, where we encountered numerous



Horses bay 1885

petrifications. Behind this lagoon a few coconut trees offered a shady place of repose on the alluvial soil. But any attempt to lie down on the ground and stretch our limbs was prevented by the stony surface of this extremely thinly grown spot. Our boxes were taken off the donkeys, and we sat down on them whilst the animals were being watered, coconuts provided us with a refreshing beverage, the enjoyment of which was not spoiled by our having procured them in an illicit manner. After scarcely an hour's rest the insistent thought of the long distance we still had to cover made us rise again."

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Limestone hole and small channels and cavities



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A Scientific journey across the island

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From then on their way without interruption led across coral formations arisen in later times and bordering the west coast of the island. The uniformity of the landscape, the barren rock-soil and the sea baffle every description. In the plain stretching far and wide before them the big Strombus and cone-shaped boulders were the only objects on which the eye could rest.

"Under these circumstances it was an agreeable diversion to see the scenery enlivened by some human beings, at whose behavior we could not help laughing at times. They were a couple of boys who had drawn water from a small well dug into the coral and were carrying it in tubs on the backs of donkeys to their far homesteads. One of them had a big drum, a musical instrument whose existence in this region deserted of all mortals I am as yet unable to explain but whose sound appeared to fascinate our worn-out animals. However that may be, we were entertained by this music walking some way in front of us and it is with thankfulness that I always think back to this benefaction, for our lazy donkeys kept pace with those plodding before us and when they finally left us we already arrived at Sint Nicolaas. There, in the distance, on the blue waves, we discerned the white sails of the Essex, which had taken us to Aruba yesterday and was now struggling close-hauled against the trade wind on her voyage

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Asi Es Mi Peru restaurant brings culinary celebration Fina Estampa: A Very Fine Peruvian Appearance in Gastronomy



EAGLE BEACH — In the last ten years, Peru has been recognized as one of the world's best culinary destinations, and for seven consecutive years, the South American country has won the award for the Best Culinary destination at the Worlds Travel Awards. Asi Es Mi Peru Restaurant brings this epicurean delicacies to Aruba and invites you to taste their newest concept: Fina Estampa, a five course menu perfectly paired with wines that make you understand why Peru is at the height of today's gastronomy.



Biodiversity combined multiculturalism are the reasons why Peru is so rich in gastronomy. You can travel through the last 500 years, touch a mix of cultures whenever you taste authentic Peruvian cuisine. Asi Es Mi Peru is owned by the charming, Peruvian-born Roxanna Salinas and her gentleman husband Jan van Nes. The couple takes a personal approach to what they do, this is not about running a business as usual. This is more about making you feel welcomed home, as well as being pampered. Fina Estampa (it means 'very fine appearance') is the name of their newest concept, and here is why you should come through the door.

Unforgettable Experience

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The fine Peruvian cuisine is offered from Tuesday to Saturday against a fair price where you choose to have wines included. A selection of amuses give you an introduction to Peruvian classics as in Ceviche, Causa Limena and Albondiga de Pescado. The ceviche is heavenly and the real thing which applies to the first appetizer too: a Cremoso de Quinoa. "We have five different quinoa in Peru, it has become a popular food globally thanks to its healthy image and is rich in taste," Roxanna explains. We take the healthy as a bonus while diving into this delight, and continue to a Chupe de Camarones, a unique Shrimp Chowder combing a spicy broth with chunky vegetables, poached egg, and tasty shrimp.

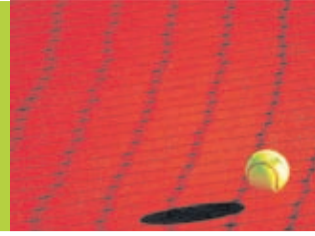
Did you know Peru has more than 4000 kinds of potatoes? The first main course will give you a taste of it with a Seco de Pescado, delicious steamed fish with a selection of native potatoes. For the second one, we indulge in a very soft meat stew accompanied by cooked and crushed yucca with yellow hot pepper. A demonstration of the gastronomy richness is explored with the Postres de Conventos, an assortment of the best Peruvian desserts. The owners selected the pairing wines themselves and it needs to be said that the result is undeniable love between the food and wine.



Asi Es Mi Peru is open every day from 12 noon - 10:30 pm. They are closed on Monday evening. Have a peak on their website www.asiesmiperuenaruba.com or Facebook [asiesmi peru](https://www.facebook.com/asiesmi.peru).



SPORTS



Tampa Bay Rays' Kevin Kiermaier watches his 3-run home run against the Houston Astros during Game 3 of a baseball American League Division Series, Monday, Oct. 7, 2019, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

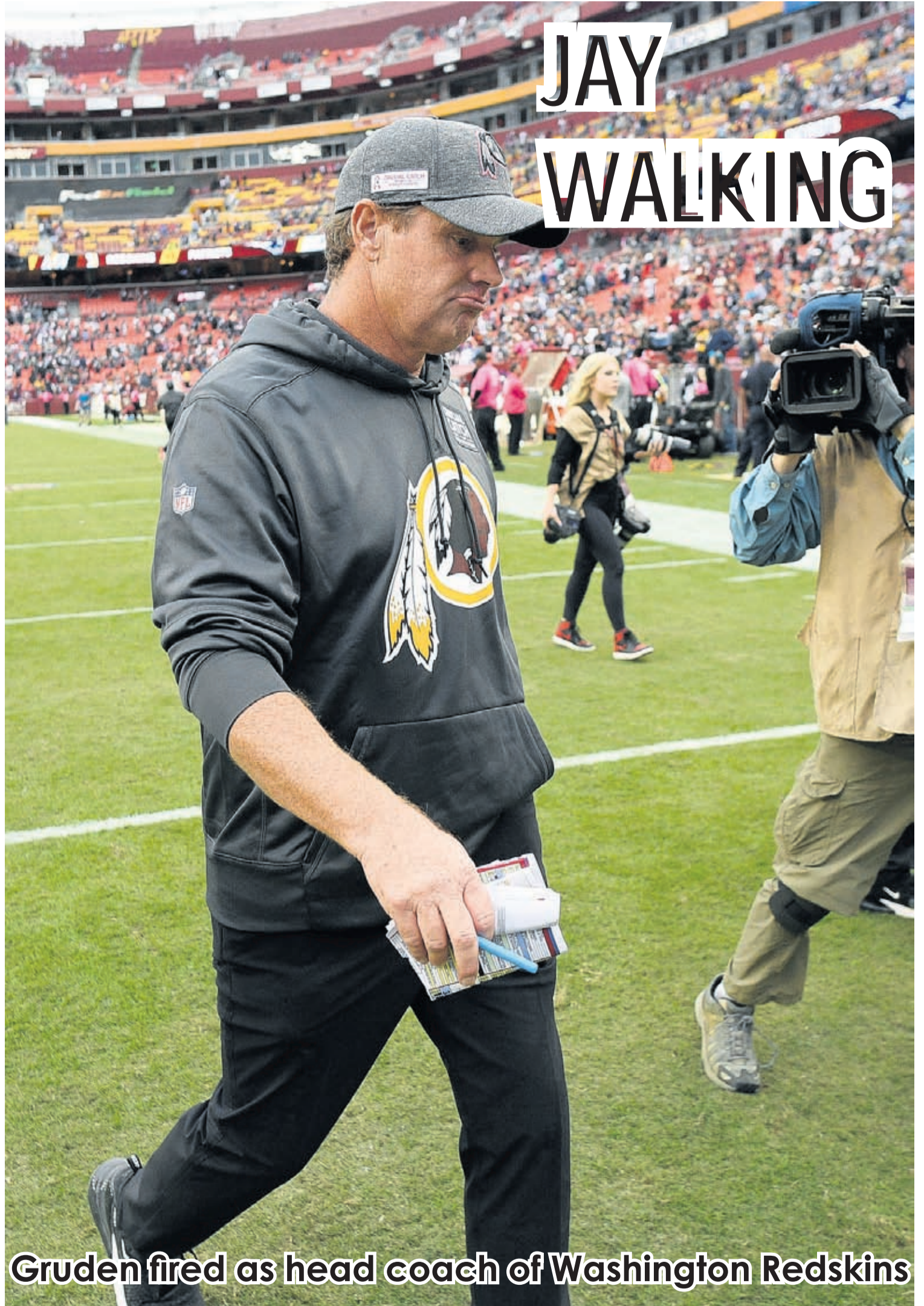
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Rays pummel Greinke, Morton clutch vs. Astros to win Game 3

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Kevin Kiermaier hit a go-ahead, three-run homer as Tampa Bay teed off on Zack Greinke, and the Rays backed another clutch playoff pitching performance by Charlie Morton to beat the Houston Astros 10-3 Monday and cut their AL Division Series deficit to 2-1.

Facing the team he helped win the World Series two years ago, Morton allowed one run and three hits while striking out nine over five innings. The 35-year-old Morton is 4-0 with an 0.95 ERA in four career elimination starts, including last week's wild-card win at Oakland. Astros manager AJ Hinch announced after the game that Houston will start Justin Verlander on three days of rest in Game 4 in the best-of-five matchup at Tropicana Field on Tuesday.

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JAY WALKING

Gruden fired as head coach of Washington Redskins

Washington Redskins head coach Jay Gruden leaves the field after an NFL football game against the New England Patriots, Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019, in Landover, Md.

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Next up, Tokyo: Track leaves Qatar still looking for a star

By **EDDIE PELLIS** and **PAT GRAHAM**

AP Sports Writers

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — If the goal of this year's track and field world championships was to find a fresh face, a vibrant personality, a one-of-a-kind talent to replace the mile-wide void left by Usain Bolt's absence, then consider it still a work in progress.

The 10-day run in the desert had its moments — a world record in the 400-meter hurdles, a hometown high jumper taking gold, female sprinters and hurdlers striking a blow for new moms everywhere. But the main message coming out of Doha very well might have been "Wait 'til Next Year." The Tokyo Olympics, the first that will take place without Bolt since 2000, start in less than 10 months, and the worlds provided some clues as to what's ahead — and also about the problems this sport still faces.

There were a few athletes with the star power to shine for at least a couple of days, including a pair of double gold medalists: Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, a vibrant new mom from

Jamaica who established herself as the woman to beat, again, in the sprints; and Noah Lyles, the American with the silver hair who won the 200 and anchored the U.S. to a long-awaited victory in the 4x100 relay. There were also problems aplenty for the sport that anchors the Olympic program over the final week of the games.

Doping reared its head, as usual.

It came in the form of the latest developments in the long-running Russian scandal, leading to the question: Which athletes from the world's second-biggest delegation will be allowed to compete next year, and under what conditions?

And in the form of 100-meter champion Christian Coleman's confusing, and ultimately dismissed, whereabouts case.

And then by the sudden removal of Alberto Salazar, the famed distance coach who received a four-year doping ban based on evidence that he ran experiments with supplements and testosterone, all as a way of trying to build a stronger, better runner.



Noah Lyles of the United States celebrates a 4x100 men's relay gold at the World Athletics Championships in Doha, Qatar, Saturday, Oct. 5, 2019.

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One of Salazar's protégés, Sifan Hassan, pulled a first-of-its-kind double, winning gold medals in the 1,500 and 10,000 meters.

She came under scrutiny, not only for associating with Salazar but for her romp in the 1,500 meters — a wire-to-wire runaway that makes her the favorite at any distance she tries next year.

"Sadly, it is the world we live in," IAAF president Sebastian Coe said. "It is inevitable that outstanding performances, given the broader nature of trust, is permanently a question."

That wasn't Coe's only problem.

The debate about the wisdom of bringing the IAAF's biggest competition to a country that is admittedly still gearing up to host the biggest in any sport — the 2022 World Cup — haunted this event from the get-go. It put Coe on the defensive about the thin crowds that suddenly — magically? — got much bigger toward the end, as the criticism mounted; and also about the road races run in the middle of the night in stifling conditions that sent dozens of athletes off the course

and into the medical tent. But next year in Tokyo, the weather could be even hotter.

So, consider this a warm-up for the main event.

Coe said that, going into the final day, 28% of medalists in Qatar were aged 24 or under.

"We have some metrics that tell us our sport is in pretty good shape," he said.

Here's a look at a few of the up-and-comers about whom Coe speaks:

JAPANESE RELAY MEMBERS

Aug. 7, 2020, will be an electric day inside the Olympic Stadium. □

Slavin scores in OT to lift Hurricanes past Lightning

By The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Jacob Slavin scored at 1:53 of overtime to give the Carolina Hurricanes a 4-3 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning on Sunday night.

The Hurricanes improved to 3-0, overcoming third-period deficits and winning after regulation in each. Carolina won its opener over Montreal in a shootout on Thursday night, then beat Washington in overtime on Saturday night.

Dougie Hamilton, Brett Pesce and Erik Haula also scored for Carolina, and

the Hurricanes held the Lightning to just two shots in the final two periods. Petr Mrazek made 10 saves for Carolina.

Tyler Johnson, Kevin Shatlenkirk and Steven Stamkos scored in the first period for Tampa Bay, and former Hurricanes goalie Curtis McElhinney made 40 saves. Hamilton tied it on a power play with 7:12 left in the third period.

Haula's power-play goal, off Hamilton rebound, cut it to 3-2 with 6:11 left in the second.

RED WINGS 4, STARS 3

DETROIT (AP) — Anthony Mantha scored a career-high four goals, breaking a tie with 53.3 seconds left to lift Detroit past Dallas in its home opener.

Mantha scored twice in second and put Detroit up 3-2 early in the third. Roope Hintz pulled Dallas even 33 seconds later with his second goal of the game.

Jonathan Bernier stopped 19 shots to help the Red Wings improve to 2-0.

Tyler Seguin also scored for Dallas, and Anton Khudobin made 29 saves.

ISLANDERS 4, JETS 1



Tampa Bay Lightning goaltender Curtis McElhinney (35) lies on the ice after failing to stop the winning shot by Carolina Hurricanes' Jaccob Slavin in overtime, next to Lightning's Victor Hedman (77) and Hurricanes' Jordan Staal (11) in Raleigh, N.C., Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019.

Associated Press

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) — Josh Bailey, Brock Nelson and Anders Lee scored second-period goals and Thomas Greiss made 35

saves in New York's victory over Winnipeg. Anthony Beauvillier also scored for New York. Patrik Laine scored for Winnipeg. □

Jay Gruden fired by Redskins after 0-5 start to 6th season

By HOWARD FENDRICH and
STEPHEN WHYNO
AP Sports Writers

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — Owner Dan Snyder and President Bruce Allen summoned coach Jay Gruden to the Washington Redskins' facility before dawn Monday to tell him he was being fired. "It was a brief conversation," Allen said.

Now comes a longer conversation about the status of the floundering franchise that has won just two playoff games in Snyder's two decades of ownership and zero during Allen's tenure. Gruden is out after an 0-5 start to his sixth season and is the latest in a long line of Redskins coaches to take the fall for significant organizational shortcomings.

"To make a decision like this is difficult, but it was necessary," Allen said during a 13-minute news conference. "Our 0-5 start is not just disappointing. We had much different expectations for the beginning of the season. We owe it to our fans, ... the organization, the players, the coaches and their families to do everything we can to

win."

The Redskins haven't won much lately, going 35-49-1 overall under Gruden with one playoff appearance in the 2015 season. A popular coach among players and a smart offensive mind, Gruden struggled in preparing his teams: Washington went 1-5 in season openers and lost a win-and-get-in game in Week 17 in 2016 against the New York Giants, who had nothing to play for.

Despite never before being a head coach in the NFL, and despite never winning more than nine games in a season, Gruden managed to stick around longer than anyone else who's held that job during Snyder's unsuccessful stint as owner.

Asked why Snyder wasn't addressing fans, Allen said, "Because I am." Snyder was not made available to reporters Monday.

None of the six coaches hired since Snyder bought the team has a winning record, including Hall of Famer Joe Gibbs and two-time Super Bowl champion Mike Shanahan. Offensive line coach Bill Callahan



In this Sept. 29, 2019, file photo, Washington Redskins head coach Jay Gruden watches the game against the New York Giants during the second half of an NFL football game, in East Rutherford, N.J. The Giants defeated the Redskins 24-3.

Associated Press

becomes the seventh after he was selected to replace Gruden on an interim basis. Callahan has coached the Raiders in the NFL and Nebraska in college football. "This is different territory for me," Callahan said. "It's bittersweet in a lot of ways. I had to replace a veteran

coach in Jay and then to be asked to lead a program now in Week 6, it's uncharted waters for me."

This season alone has seen star left tackle Trent Williams hold out; a shuffle at quarterback after Dwayne Haskins was taken No. 15 overall in the draft; a series

of injuries up and down the roster; and, perhaps most upsetting to team leadership, increasingly large contingents of visiting fans attending games at Washington's home stadium.

"All we can do is try to improve our product," Allen said. □

Former champ Mike Tyson takes a swing at MMA coverage

By DAN GELSTON
AP Sports Writer

Mike Tyson is ready to talk your ears off about MMA. The former heavyweight champion is set to join the Professional Fighters League as host of the new series "Mike Tyson's New Fight Game: The PFL," which will debut this week on the league's YouTube channel and other digital platforms before the playoffs start Friday.

Tyson will conduct interviews with fighters, and musicians, entertainers and other famous fans of mixed martial arts. Tyson will be joined on "Fight Game" by co-host Sean O'Connell, PFL ESPN play-by-play announcer and PFL 2018 light heavyweight champion.

"We can take this to another dimension," Tyson told The Associated Press. "We can brand it the proper way. Give it the proper ad-

vertisement. We can take these fighters and publicize these fighters properly. We can take all the fighters from all over the planet, and all the techniques and all the disciplines and put them in one tournament and find out who really is the baddest (fighter) on the planet that ever lived."

The PFL is a tournament-based organization that kicks off the playoffs this week. PFL playoffs are held over three nights in October: Friday's fights are headlined by women's 155 pounds and welterweights; Oct. 17 features featherweights and lightweights; and Oct. 31 has light heavyweights and heavyweights. Each male fighter must fight twice and win twice that night to advance to the championship finals.

Tyson can add TV host to an entertainment tableau highlighted by a scene-



In this Aug. 2, 2019, file photo, Mike Tyson attends a celebrity golf tournament in Dana Point, Calif.

Associated Press

stealing stint in "The Hangover." He voiced himself in an animated show on the Cartoon Network and even starred in a one-man show on Broadway. He hosted a podcast and founded his own cannabis company. Tyson has long been uncensored, unfiltered athlete who has unloaded quotes like this one on

Evander Holyfield (whom he bit twice during their infamous 1997 fight): "I want your heart! I want to eat his children!" Or this one on his own persona: "I comes across as crass, a Neanderthal, a babbling idiot sometimes. I like to show you that person. I like that person. He makes you want to come and listen to me."

He hopes fans will tune in as he transitions to the PFL.

"I really want to get into the essence of what people are really about," Tyson said. "You really never know a person until you get there and talk to him. You have to make him comfortable when he's uncomfortable. That's when you really get into the essence of people."

The league was formed in 2017 when a group of investors turned what was the World Series of Fighting into the tournament-style PFL. Kayla Harrison, a two-time Olympic gold medalist, has emerged as the star of the league and is set to face Genah Fabian in her semifinal match Friday. The winner advances to the championship.

Tyson, who has also invested in PFL, singled out Harrison as the kind of fighter he wants to hype. □

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Tampa Bay will use Diego Castillo as an opener. Kiermaier got the wild-card Rays going with his shot the second inning. Ji-Man Choi and Brandon Lowe added solo shots off Greinke, who has never won in Tampa Bay, and Willy Adames added a solo blast against Wade Miley in the sixth. Tampa Bay's four home runs matched a franchise record for a postseason game. The Rays also went deep four times against the Boston Red Sox during the 2008 AL Championship Series and did it again during last week's 5-1 wild-card victory against the Athletics.

Jose Altuve homered for the Astros, who are one victory away from their third straight appearance in the ALCS. It was Altuve's 10th career postseason home run, tied with Chase Utley for the most by a second baseman in major league history. Morton, who won 29 games for Houston over two seasons before joining the Rays as a free agent last

offseason, departed with an 8-1 lead. Four relievers finished the combined seven-hitter for the Rays, who have never been swept in a playoff series.

The Astros won the first two games with a pair of dominating pitching performances from Justin Verlander and Gerrit Cole, who combined to limit the Rays to one unearned run and five hits with 23 strikeouts over 14 2/3 innings. Houston's other pitchers have allowed 12 earned runs in 11 1/3 frames, an ERA of 9.53.

With Morton on the mound, and returning home for the first playoff game at Tropicana Field in six years, the Rays were confident they would find a way to get back into the series against Greinke, an 18-game winner who was 8-1 with a 3.02 in 10 starts after being acquired from Arizona at the trade deadline.

Kiermaier's homer to right-center whipped a sellout crowd of 32,251 waving bright yellow rally towels — more than twice the 14,734



Tampa Bay Rays starting pitcher Charlie Morton (50) throws during the first inning of Game 3 of a baseball American League Division Series against the Houston Astros, Monday, Oct. 7, 2019, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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the Rays averaged during the regular season — into a frenzy. The party continued when Choi homered with two outs in the third and Lowe led off the fourth with an opposite-field shot that made it 5-1.

Morton, meanwhile, remained perfect in potential postseason elimination games, including a pair of

Game 7 victories during Houston's 2017 World Series run. He shrugged off yielding Altuve's first-inning homer to hold the Astros potent lineup in check while his offense was building a comfortable lead.

GREINKE'S STRUGGLES

In six career regular season appearances at Tropicana Field, including five

starts, Greinke is 0-4 with a 4.45 ERA. His start Monday was his first at the domed stadium since May 2, 2010, when he was a member of the Kansas City Royals. Including Monday, he's allowed eight homers in 36 innings.

Greinke was pulled after 61 pitches, and his ERA over 12 career postseason starts rose to 4.58.

HOMER STREAK

The Astros have homered in 28 consecutive games, including the first three of the ALDS. It's the second-longest streak in major league history. The New York Yankees homered in 31 straight games from May 26 to June 30 of this season.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rays 3B Yandy Diaz, who came off the injured list for the final game of the regular season and then homered twice in Tampa Bay's wild-card win over Oakland, left the game in the second inning with left foot soreness. He was replaced by Matt Duffy.

UP NEXT

Game 4 on Tuesday. □

7 2-out runs in 6th lift LA past Nats 10-4

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — David Freese wasn't in the Los Angeles Dodgers' starting lineup for Game 3 of the NL Division Series. Neither was Kiké Hernández or Chris Taylor.

All are right-handed batters, and all knew that if the Washington Nationals persisted in their playoff pattern of using starters in relief, they might very well be called upon to pinch hit against \$140 million lefty Patrick Corbin.

So in the first inning Sunday night, that trio headed to the indoor batting cage that sits near the staircase leading from the visitors' dugout to the clubhouse to try to prepare. And, boy, were they prepared when Corbin entered. So were other Dodgers hitters, producing a postseason inning unlike any other: seven runs, all scored with two outs and two strikes.

Justin Turner's three-run homer capped a startling and record-setting rally in the sixth as the Dodgers roughed up the starter-turned-reliever and beat Washington 10-4 to grab a 2-1 lead in their best-of-five NLDS.

"We're just always ready, no matter who's on the mound. Righty, lefty. You've got to fake it sometimes, whether you're ready or not," said Freese who singled as a pinch hitter in the sixth and finished with four hits.

"Definitely, two strikes, you've got to take it seriously. You can't assume your AB's over," Freese said. "You look at the best guys in the game ... they look like they like two strikes."

Hernández also entered in that inning and contributed a two-run double, and Taylor walked as a pinch hitter against Corbin.

Russell Martin started, his first appearance of these playoffs, and hit a two-run double in the sixth as LA became the first team in major league history to score seven two-out, two-strike runs in one postseason inning.

"We never doubt ourselves,"

Freese said.

Martin, who like Freese is 36, tacked on a two-run homer in the ninth. This is Martin's 10th postseason — Freese joked it might be his teammate's 26th — and Freese's sixth.

The Dodgers can advance to the NL Championship Series for the fourth consecutive year by closing the best-of-five NLDS in Game 4 at Washington on Monday, when LA sends Rich Hill to the mound against Max Scherzer.

And to think: Things were not looking all that good for the Dodgers, who entered the sixth trailing 2-1 after Juan Soto's two-run homer off eventual winner Hyun-Jin Ryu in the first and Max Muncy's solo shot off Washington starter Aníbal Sánchez in the fifth.

That seemed to wake up LA's offense.

Well, it was either that or the fact that Sánchez, who struck out nine, was gone to begin the sixth. In came Corbin, the lefty who started — and lost — the opener and hadn't made a relief appearance since 2017, when he only made one.

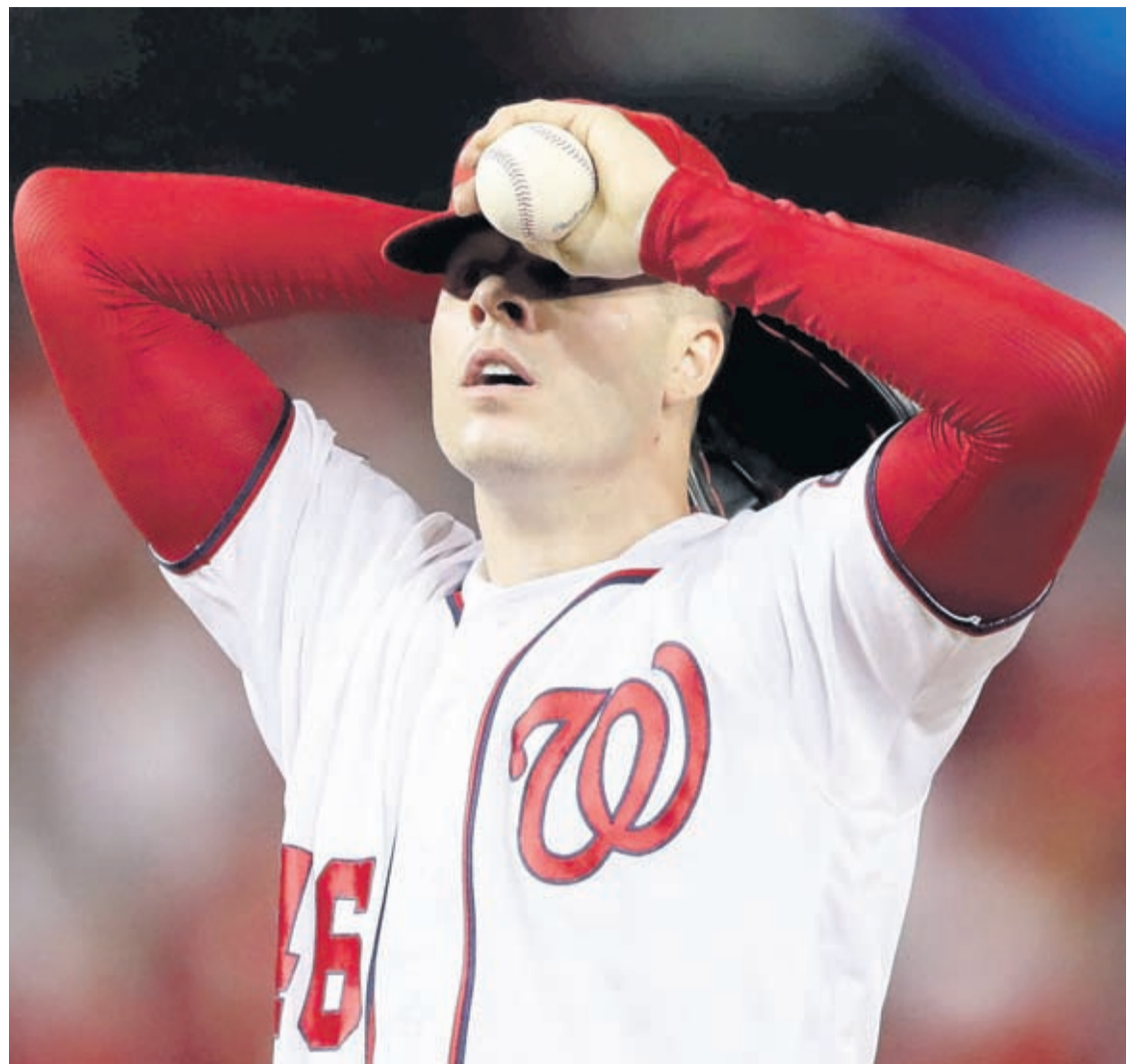
"Just couldn't seem to get that third out there," Corbin said. "Just stinks."

It continued Nationals manager Dave Martinez's postseason penchant for pushing his starters to appear in relief, deemed necessary because of his club's NL-worst bullpen. The strategy had been working.

Needless to say, not this time against the Dodgers, who lost in the World Series each of the past two years and led the NL with 106 wins this season, 13 more than the Nationals.

"Anibal was at 87 pitches. He gave us all he had. We were at a good spot in the lineup, where we thought Corbin could get through it," Martinez said. "And his stuff was good. ... But he had every hitter 0-2. He just couldn't finish."

After Cody Bellinger snapped his 0-for-8 start to the series with a single — he would add a double later in the inning — Corbin struck out the next two hit-



Washington Nationals starting pitcher Patrick Corbin covers his face after allowing a two-run double to Los Angeles Dodgers Russell Martin during the sixth inning in Game 3 of a baseball National League Division Series on Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019, in Washington. The Dodgers won 10-4.

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ters. That's when it all fell apart for Washington.

Freese, the MVP of the 2011 NLCS and World Series for St. Louis, singled to put runners on the corners.

"He has to be going down as one of the greatest October players of all time," Muncy said. "I don't care what anyone says. He has to be."

Martin came through on a 2-2 slider that landed on the warning track in left-center, putting the visitors ahead 3-2. Hernández connected on a 1-2 slider for yet another two-run double to left-center, a hit off the base off the wall.

After Muncy was intentionally walked, Wander Suero entered and promptly served up a full-count fastball that Turner lofted to the back of the visiting bullpen beyond left field, making it 8-2.

"A couple guys came up and had really big at bats and that's what we've been doing all year," Muncy said. "That was one of

those things where once one guy started doing it, the next cat picked up on it and it just kind of rolled throughout the inning."

WHAT A RELIEF

With baseball's ERA leader this season, Ryu, done after going five innings and allowing two runs, Dodgers manager Dave Roberts pieced together the remaining 12 outs with five relievers. That included closer Kenley Jansen, who hadn't pitched in a game since Sept. 28. He threw a 1-2-3 ninth that included a pair of strikeouts.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Nationals: CF Victor Robles was out of the lineup with a strained right hamstring after getting hurt running to first base in Game 2. Michael A. Taylor started in Robles' place and went 1 for 4.

UP NEXT

Three-time Cy Young Award winner Scherzer was pushed back from Game 3 to Game 4. Scherzer entered these playoffs with

his teams having lost his most recent seven postseason appearances, but Washington is 2-0 when he pitches so far this October, including a start in the NL wild-card game against Milwaukee and a one-inning, three-strikeout relief appearance in Game 2 at Los Angeles. That bullpen use led the Nationals to switch Scherzer's start from Sunday to Monday. "He can beat you in the strike zone with three pitches. He can beat you out of the zone," Roberts said. "He's relentless." Hill went 4-1 with a 4.25 ERA this season in just 13 starts; he spent time on the IL with a sprained right knee and a strained left forearm, activated for the last time less than a month ago. Hill hasn't pitched more than three innings in an appearance since June. "Pitch count, whatever it is, I can't control that," the 39-year-old Hill said. "Whatever I can give the team, I'm going to give the team." □

Tucker's OT field goal lifts Ravens over Steelers

By The Associated Press
PITTSBURGH (AP) — After Pittsburgh quarterback Mason Rudolph was knocked unconscious by a head-high hit in the third quarter Sunday, Justin Tucker made a 46-yard field goal in overtime to lift the Baltimore Ravens past the Steelers 26-23. Baltimore (3-2) snapped a two-game skid when safety Marlon Humphrey stripped Steelers wide receiver JuJu Smith-Schuster and recovered the fumble at the Pittsburgh 34. Tucker knocked through the winner four plays later. He also forced overtime with a field goal 14 seconds from the end of regulation.

Lamar Jackson threw for 161 yards with a touchdown and three interceptions and also ran for a game-high 70 yards. Mark Ingram ran for a touchdown for the Ravens, who won in Pittsburgh (1-4) for the second straight season. Rudolph threw for 131 yards and a score before suffering a concussion following a hit to the chin by Baltimore safety Earl Thomas. Backup Devlin Hodges played admirably in Rudolph's place, throwing for 68 yards and directing a pair of scoring drives after Rudolph's exit. James Conner ran for 55 yards and a touchdown for Pittsburgh.

PACKERS 34, COWBOYS 24
ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Aaron Rodgers looked quite comfortable at the home of the Dallas Cowboys — again. Green Bay's star quarterback kept his team moving to a big early lead with more dazzling plays at AT&T Stadium, Aaron Jones scored a career-high four touchdowns and the Packers bounced back from their first loss by hanging on.

Rodgers zipped a sidearm throw to Robert Tonyan to fix one broken play, flipped a left-hander to Tra Carson to rescue another, and helped Green Bay improve to 5-0 inside the retractable-roof stadium where the two-time MVP's first win was the 2011 Super Bowl. The first three Green Bay wins over the Cowboys at



Baltimore Ravens kicker Justin Tucker (9) kicks a field goal as Sam Koch (4) holds to defeat the Pittsburgh Steelers in overtime of an NFL football game, Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019, in Pittsburgh. The Ravens won 26-23.

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their 10-year-old stadium were all dramatic, highlighted by Rodgers' improbable 35-yard completion to Jared Cook to set up a winning field goal on the final play of a 34-31 divisional-round playoff win three years ago.

Not quite the same drama this time after the Packers (4-1) built a 31-3 lead, although Dak Prescott (463 yards passing) and Amari Cooper (226 yards receiving) set career highs trying to keep things interesting in the fourth quarter.

The last hope for Dallas (3-2) ended with 1:41 left when Brett Maher missed his second field goal — a 33-yarder that would have given the Cowboys a shot at an onside kick down seven.

COLTS 19, CHIEFS 13
KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Indianapolis Colts accomplished Sunday night what they failed to do in January. They won in Kansas City.

Marlon Mack ran for 132 yards, ageless kicker Adam Vinatieri knocked through four field goals and the Colts atoned ever-so-slightly for that playoff defeat by shutting down Patrick Mahomes and the Chiefs' vaunted offense in a 19-13 victory at Arrowhead Stadium.

The Colts (3-2) allowed points on the Chiefs' first two possessions before shutting them out until Harrison Butker's field goal with 1:16 to go. Indianapolis recovered the onside kick to seal the win.

Mahomes threw for 321 yards and a touchdown, and the Chiefs (4-1) had just 36 yards rushing despite getting top running back Damien Williams back from an injury, all while watching their record streak of 22 straight games scoring at least 26 points come to a crashing conclusion.

BRONCOS 20, CHARGERS 13

CARSON, Calif. (AP) — Philip Lindsay ran for 114 yards and Denver's defense forced three turnovers as the Broncos got their first win under Vic Fangio.

Joe Flacco completed 14 of 20 passes for 162 yards and a touchdown as Denver (1-4) raced to a 17-0 lead in the second quarter and held on for the 500th victory in franchise history. Los Angeles (2-3) struggled most of the day and had two turnovers inside the Denver 5. The Chargers got within 17-10 midway through the fourth quarter, but Denver's Brandon McManus put it out of reach with a 46-yard field goal with 1:55 remaining.

Chase McLaughlin's 32-yard field goal brought LA back within a touchdown with 15 seconds remaining, but Denver (1-4) recovered the onside kick to put it away.

Philip Rivers was 32 of 48 for 211 yards with two interceptions. Melvin Gordon was held to 31 yards rushing in his first game back after a holdout. Fellow running back Austin Ekeler had 15 receptions for 86 yards.

RAIDERS 24, BEARS 21

LONDON (AP) — Josh Jacobs scored his second touchdown of the game with a leap from the 2-yard line with 1:57 to play, capping a 97-yard drive that helped the Raiders rally after blowing a 17-point lead. The touchdown was part of a roller-coaster game that delighted the sellout crowd in London. The Raiders (3-2) broke out to a 17-0 halftime lead only to fall behind the Bears (3-2) in a mistake-filled third quarter.

Then Oakland fumbled at the goal line when going in for the go-ahead score, needed a replay review to overturn a fumble on a successful fake punt on the winning drive, then intercepted Chicago backup Chase Daniel with 1:14 to go to seal the victory.

It sure didn't come easy, but made Oakland's week-

long stay in London a successful one, ended by a satisfying victory in the Raiders' first game against the Bears since dealing star edge rusher Khalil Mack to Chicago before last season. That trade has come under heavy scrutiny as Mack led the Bears to the playoffs last year while the Raiders struggled. But Oakland came out ahead this day, with Mack's only big play coming when he recovered a botched pitch by Derek Carr that sparked Chicago's third-quarter comeback.

The Bears turned that turnover into a 1-yard run by David Montgomery and got two TD passes from Daniel to Allen Robinson in the third quarter to take a 21-17 lead.

SAINTS 31, BUCCANEERS 24

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Teddy Bridgewater passed for 314 yards and four touchdowns to remain unbeaten in three starts for the Saints this season.

With Bridgewater getting increasingly accustomed to playing for the injured Drew Brees, he had his best game yet for New Orleans (4-1) against a Tampa Bay defense that entered the game ranked second to last in the NFL against the pass.

With inspiring chants of "Ted-dy! Ted-dy!" from the Superdome crowd, Bridgewater completed 26 of 34 passes, with his two touchdown throws to Michael Thomas and one each to Jared Cook and Ted Ginn Jr.

Tampa Bay's secondary struggled to stay with Thomas, who finished with 11 catches for 182 yards.

Bridgewater, who began playing in Week 2 after Brees' first-quarter thumb injury in a loss to the Rams, had not completed a pass as long as 30 yards in his first 11 quarters of play this season. That changed in the first quarter against the Bucs (2-3) with a 34-yard completion to Thomas. Bridgewater later hit Thomas for a 42-yarder early in the second half, setting up his 33-yard scoring strike to Ginn. □

NBA's ties with China, worth billions, now under strain

By TIM REYNOLDS
AP Basketball Writer

It wasn't even a month ago that NBA Commissioner Adam Silver sat overlooking center court at an arena in Beijing, watching the gold-medal game at the World Cup with other basketball dignitaries.

That night was all smiles. Silver's return to China later this week will be much different.

The relationship between China and the NBA — a multibillion-dollar marriage that involves media rights, streaming, merchandise sales and much more — is strained right now in ways unlike any other since the league first began planting roots there in earnest three decades ago. A since-deleted tweet from Houston Rockets general manager Daryl Morey that showed support for Hong Kong anti-government protesters prompted an immediate backlash, complicated further by the timing of the NBA having two preseason games in China this week.

"We apologize," Rockets star James Harden said in Japan on Monday. "We love China. We love playing there. I know for both of us individually we go there once or twice a year. They show us the most support and love. So we appreciate them as a fan base and we love everything they're about and we appreciate the support that they give us individually and as an organization."

That support is being sternly tested, be it from tweets that were deleted, uproars over an NBA statement that had some of its meaning lost in translation when posted in Mandarin and even the cancellation announced Monday of two G League games to be played in China between the minor-league affiliates of the Rockets and the Dallas Mavericks.

At least one Chinese sporting goods company said it was no longer cooperating with the Rockets and a sports news website in China said it was no longer covering the team.

"There is no doubt, the eco-



In this April 19, 2011, file photo, Houston Rockets General Manager Daryl Morey talks during a news conference, in Houston.

omic impact is already clear," Silver told Kyodo News in an interview Monday. "There have already been fairly dramatic consequences from that tweet, and I have read some of the media suggesting that we are not supporting Daryl Morey, but in fact we have."

The NBA is enormously popular in China: Oft-cited figures from basketball executives in both the U.S. and China say that 300 million people play the game recreationally there and that about 500 million Chinese watched at least one NBA game last season.

And the Rockets are among the biggest team brands there, no doubt because Chinese star Yao Ming — a Basketball Hall of Famer — spent his NBA career with Houston.

Yao is now president of the Chinese Basketball Asso-

ciation, which announced over the weekend it is suspending its ties with the Rockets in retaliation for Morey's tweet. While Yao has not shared his personal feelings on the topic, it's clear that the relationship between Yao and his only NBA team is currently, at best, rocky.

Silver will address the matter at a news conference Tuesday in Japan, where the Rockets are playing this week. He then is scheduled to speak in Shanghai on Thursday, in advance of two preseason games in China between the Los Angeles Lakers, led by global sports icon LeBron James, and the Brooklyn Nets, now owned by Joe Tsai, the co-founder of Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba.

"What is the problem with people freely expressing their opinion? This freedom is an inherent American val-

ue and the NBA has been very progressive in allowing players and other constituents a platform to speak out on issues," Tsai wrote in a lengthy open letter posted late Sunday. "The problem is, there are certain topics that are third-rail issues in certain countries, societies and communities."

And in China, discussion of the Hong Kong protests is one of those issues, Tsai said. The NBA's relationship with China dates back about 30 years to the time when former Commissioner David Stern struck a deal with Chinese television to show games on a tape-delayed basis. Stern even talked about having an NBA-sponsored or branded league in China. The first league office there had three employees and flimsy furniture.

Now, about 200 NBA employees work in China in of-

fices in Beijing and Shanghai. Games are streamed live and Chinese media cover all the league's biggest events such as All-Star weekend and the NBA Finals. The league has played preseason games there for years, has three NBA academies in the country — designed to find the next star prospect — and big-name players go there every off-season to promote their brand.

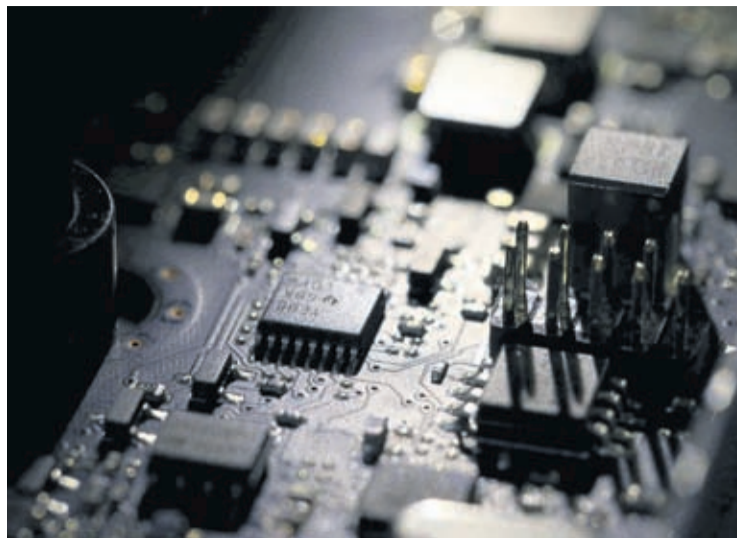
Retired Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade has a lifetime contract with Chinese apparel company Li-Ning. Golden State guard Klay Thompson has a 10-year deal with another Chinese shoe company, Anta. Five-time champion Kobe Bryant has been visiting China annually for about two decades and is a massive star there, even now that his playing career is done.

The league has navigated its way around one thorny issue related to the U.S. and China in recent months: a trade war between the nations that includes back-and-forth tariffs. The Hong Kong tweet, though, is likely to present a much bigger test for the NBA.

"What I can tell you for sure is it's not going to erase the decades of work that, you know, myself and everyone else in the NBA has put in in building a tremendous base for basketball in China," Golden State Warriors COO Rick Welts said Monday in an appearance on CNBC. "And I think this will pass. And I do think our future in China is probably pretty remarkable." □

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This Feb 23, 2019, file photo shows the inside of a computer in Jersey City, N.J.

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Small businesses increasingly a target for cybercriminals

By **JOYCE M. ROSENBERG**
NEW YORK (AP) — While small and mid-sized businesses are increasingly targets for cybercriminals, companies are struggling to devote enough resources to protect their technology from attack.

That's one of the findings of an annual survey of companies released by the Poneman Institute, which researches data protection, and Keeper Security, a manufacturer of password protection software. The survey found that 76% of the 592 U.S. companies surveyed had experienced a cyberattack in the previous 12 months. That was up from 70% in a survey in 2018, and 63% in a 2017 survey.

The most common attacks were phishing and social engineering scams, cited by 57% of companies. These are invasions that target unsuspecting computer, smartphone and tablet users with realistic-looking emails; if a user clicks on a link or attachment in the email, malicious software is downloaded onto the device. Forty-four percent of companies reported an attack that came via a website.

While businesses of all sizes are victims of cyberattacks, the smaller the companies, the more vulnerable they can be. They don't have large information technol-

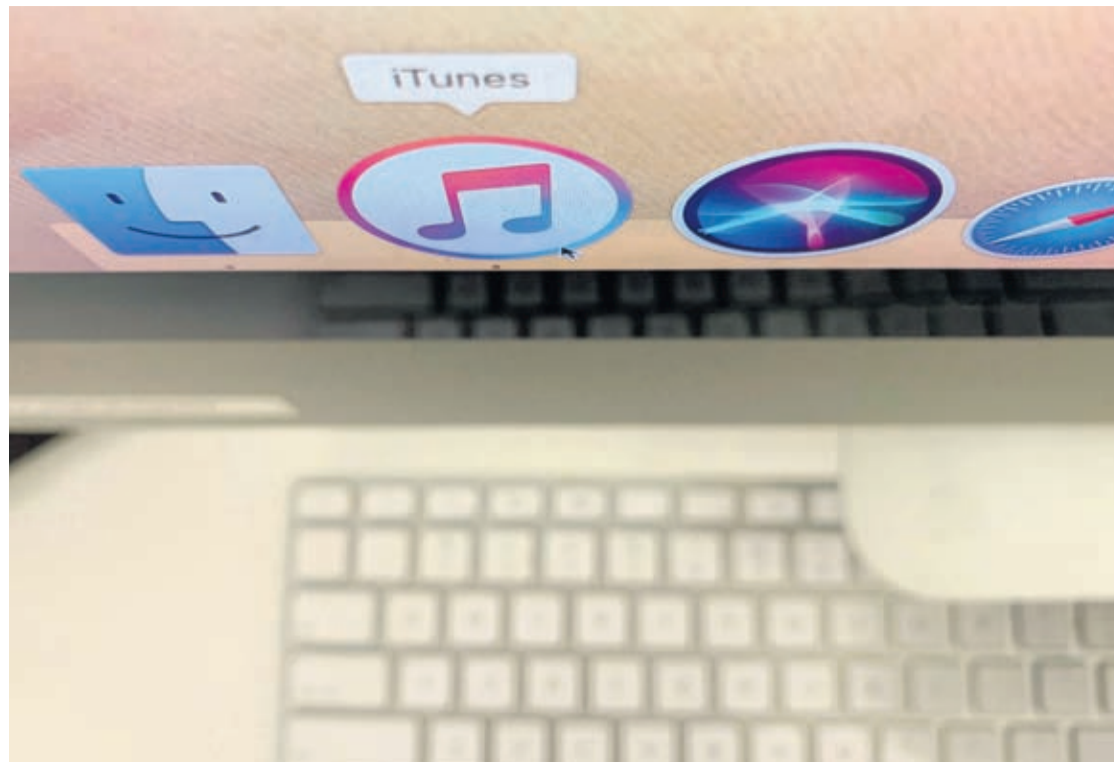
ogy staffs and many don't have expensive, sophisticated software designed to monitor their systems and defend against attacks.

Lack of personnel and not enough money were the top two challenges keeping companies from having a fully effective information technology program. Seventy-seven percent of companies said they didn't have enough staffers, up from 72% a year ago. And 55% said money was a problem, down from 58% a year ago, but still a reflection that a considerable number of companies struggle to meet their cybersecurity needs.

Companies are most concerned about protecting their customer records; 62% cited it as a priority. That was followed by intellectual property, cited by 48%, customer credit and debit card information, cited by 43% and financial information, cited by 30%.

Small and mid-sized company owners have embraced mobile devices as a way to run their businesses. But they recognize that the convenience and efficiency these devices offer come at a price; half said the devices have diminished the cybersecurity of their companies.

The survey was conducted during August and September. □



The iTunes application is displayed on a computer on Monday, Oct. 7, 2019, in New York.

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Goodbye, iTunes: Once-revolutionary app gone in Mac update

AP Technology Writers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — It's time to bid farewell to iTunes, the once-revolutionary program that made online music sales mainstream and effectively blunted the impact of piracy.

That assumes, of course, that you still use iTunes — and many people no longer do. On iPhones, the functions have long been split into separate apps for music, video and books. Mac computers follow suit Monday with a software update called Catalina. Music-subscription services like Spotify and Apple Music have largely supplanted both the iTunes software and sales of individual songs, which iTunes first made available for 99 cents apiece. Apple is now giving iTunes its latest push toward the grave. For anyone who has subscribed to Apple Music, the music store will now be hidden on the Mac.

Sidelineing the all-in-one iTunes in favor of separate apps for music, video and other services will let Apple build features for specific types of media and better promote its TV-streaming and music services to help offset slowing sales of iPhones.

In the early days, iTunes was simply a way to get

music onto Apple's marquee product, the iPod music player. Users connected the iPod to a computer, and songs automatically synced — simplicity unheard of at the time.

"I would just kind of mock my friends who were into anything other than iPods," said Jacob Titus, a 26-year-old graphic designer in South Bend, Indiana.

Apple launched its iTunes Music Store in 2003, two years after the iPod's debut. With simple pricing at launch — 99 cents a single, \$9.99 for most albums — many consumers were content to buy music legally rather than seek out sketchy sites for pirated downloads.

But over time, iTunes software expanded to include podcasts, e-books, audiobooks, movies and TV shows. In the iPhone era, iTunes also made backups and synced voice memos. As the software got bloated to support additional functions, iTunes lost the ease and simplicity that gave it its charm.

And with online cloud storage and wireless syncing, it no longer became necessary to connect iPhones to a computer — and iTunes — with a cable.

Titus said he uses iTunes only to hear obscure Kanye

West songs he can't find streaming. "At the time it seemed great," he said. "But it kind of stayed that same speed forever."

The way people listen to music has changed, too. The U.S. recording industry now gets 80% of revenue from paid subscriptions and other streaming. In the first half of 2019, paid subscriptions to Apple Music and competing services rose 30% from a year earlier to 61 million, or \$2.8 billion, while revenue from digital downloads fell nearly 18% to \$462 million.

"The move away from iTunes really does perfectly mirror the general industry move away from sales" and toward subscriptions, said Randy Nelson, head of insights at Sensor Tower.

Rachel Shpringer, a 35-year-old patent agent in Los Angeles, spent years curating playlists on iTunes. But over time, she realized that was cutting her off from new music. She now gets music through a SiriusXM subscription.

The Mac's new Music app, which gets the old iTunes icon, is the new home for — drum roll — music. That includes songs previously bought from the iTunes store or ripped from CDs, as well as Apple's free online radio stations. □

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No holiday savings yet? Here's how to build your funds fast

By SEAN PYLES

Timing is everything when it comes to saving for the holidays. The longer you have to build up cash reserves, plan your budget and buy gifts at the right price, the better you can cover these seasonal costs without going into debt.

Avoiding debt around the holidays can save you from a spending hangover in the new year: Shoppers who used credit cards to fund the holidays in 2018 anticipated it would take them over three months to pay off their debt, according to a NerdWallet survey of over 2,000 adults conducted by The Harris Poll.

Starting a couple of months before peak holiday season might be cutting it a little close for grand savings schemes this year, but you do have options. Here's how you can plan your spending this year — and start saving for next year's holidays.

SET YOUR PLAN FOR THIS YEAR

Say you're planning to kick off shopping in earnest around Black Friday, which falls on Nov. 29 this year. You still have two months for saving and planning. Start with these steps:

SET YOUR HOLIDAY BUDGET.

If you don't have much savings, you'll likely have to use your discretionary income — what's left over after regular bills — to fund your holidays. Get a solid understanding of how much that



In this Nov. 9, 2018, file photo Christmas decorations are shown at a Walmart Supercenter in Houston.

is and try to keep expenses, including gifts and food, within that amount.

Being mindful of what you can afford can keep you from overspending, says Los Angeles-based financial coach Dominique' Reese. "I say think about your future self," Reese says. "How would your future financial self — yourself in January, February, March — feel about the expenses that you made over the holidays?"

To build your holiday budget, trim discretionary expenses over the next couple of months. Cut back on dining out or going to the movies, or temporarily cancel a couple of monthly subscription services.

SPEND SMART: Create a gift list that fits your budget, find good deals, and consider reducing holiday spending on food and gifts across the board to avoid going into debt.

Use your budget to guide your gift list. If your budget is tight, consider whether you can buy for fewer people; maybe you can suggest a get-together instead of a gift exchange with some friends.

Black Friday and Cyber Monday can offer big savings, but you might find better deals at other times. Start checking prices now so you know what's a good deal — and what to skip. Being frugal with holiday meal shopping can go far,

says Summer Red, professional development manager at the Association for Financial Counseling & Planning Education.

"Food is central to most holiday celebrations, and there are a lot of foods people will buy even though people don't like it," Red says. If no one in your family likes the dark meat of a turkey, for example, consider getting specific cuts rather than a whole bird.

"I encourage people to let go of some traditions and focus on what they really enjoy," she says. "That means you also have less food waste and less money waste."

SET YOURSELF UP FOR NEXT YEAR

While planning this year's holidays, start thinking about how you'll save money next year.

Track your spending to help inform what you'll need, Reese advises. "If you went over your budget, set aside more for next year," she says.

Then, find a saving strategy that works for you. Here are a few options:

- The 52-week savings challenge: One of Red's preferred methods, with this "challenge," you start by saving \$1 the first week of December, then \$2 the next week, \$3 the following week, and so on, adding one dollar each week for a year. At the end, you'll have nearly \$1,400 to spend for the holidays.

- Holiday savings accounts: Typically offered by credit unions, these savings accounts are generally locked so you can't access what you're putting into savings until the holiday season. Putting just \$25 a month into one of these gives you \$300 saved for the holidays after a year.

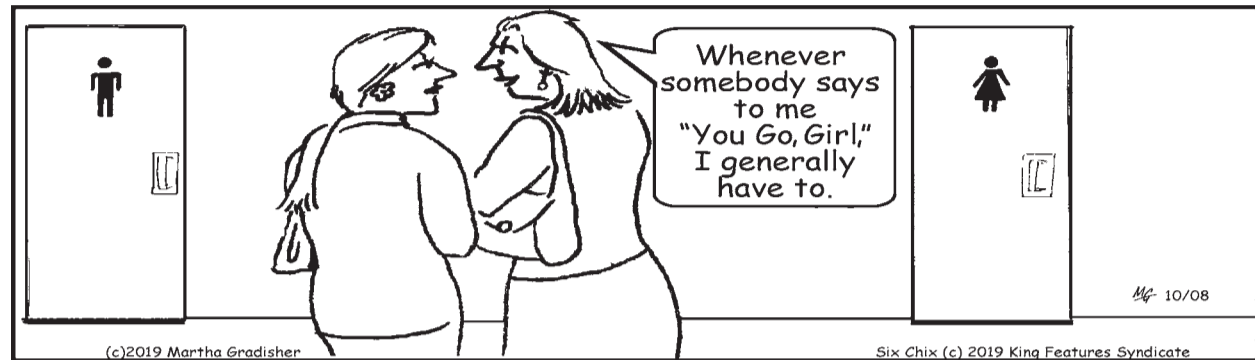
- Set aside part of your income: Reese suggests socking away a percentage of your income and automating transfers to build the habit of saving. Having some of your paycheck deposited directly into a savings account by your employer is an easy way to set money aside without thinking about it, too. □

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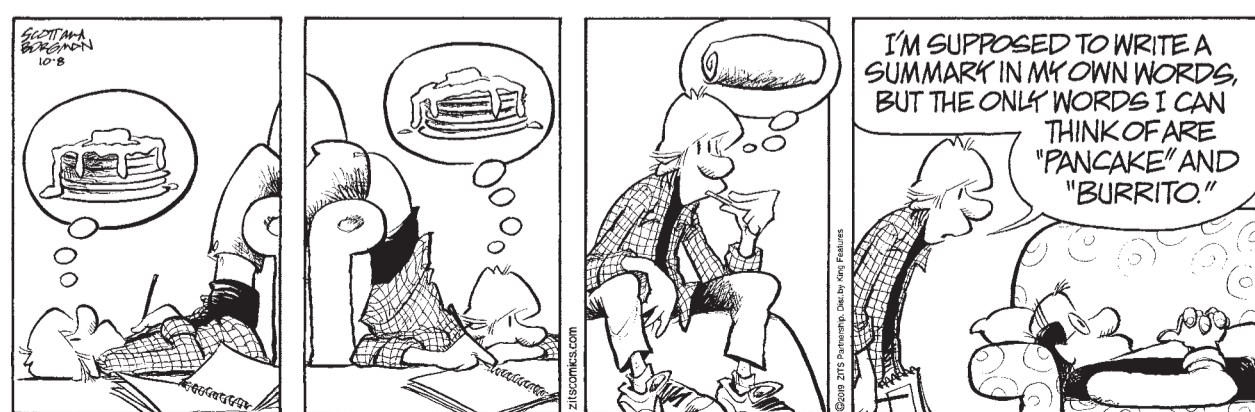
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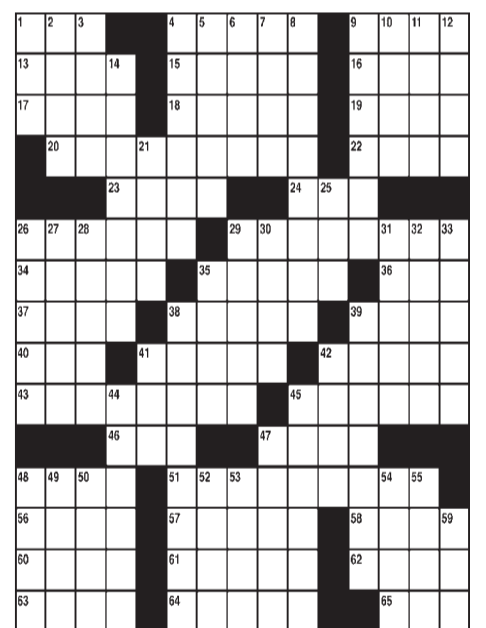
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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ACROSS

- 1 "Be quiet!"
- 4 Up and about
- 9 Columnist
- Bombeck
- 13 Period of time
- 15 Market
- 16 Genesis boatbuilder
- 17 Meditative exercise
- 18 Fortune-teller's deck
- 19 African nation
- 20 Pizza topping
- 22 Leave out
- 23 Dessert wine
- 24 Record speed letters
- 26 Come ___; find
- 29 Tiny sore on Fido, perhaps
- 34 ___ out; say impulsively
- 35 Fast food side order
- 36 Smallest 2-digit number
- 37 Flash of lightning
- 38 Implements
- 39 Playwright Moss
- 40 Two over two
- 41 Groggy
- 42 Untrue
- 43 Awful
- 45 Merchant
- 46 Long ___; in the distant past
- 47 TV's "___ '70s Show"
- 48 Stylish
- 51 Assembly
- 56 Uncle Ben's ___
- 57 Angry look
- 58 Lunchtime
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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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- 2 Basketball player's focus
- 3 Gargantuan
- 4 Fall flowers
- 5 Begin
- 6 Spanish bull
- 7 Steel component
- 8 Pensioners
- 9 Bury
- 10 Kitchen or den
- 11 3 biblical kings
- 12 "...There'll be ___ time in the old town..."
- 14 Friendly relationship
- 21 Emily or Markie
- 25 Faux ___; social blunder
- 26 Monastery head
- 27 Duplicate
- 28 Measuring stick
- 29 Became perfectly still
- 30 Mrs. Herman Munster
- 31 "Didn't We Almost Have ___?"; Whitney Houston hit
- 32 Rudely brief
- 33 Go into
- 35 Simpleton
- 38 Long sled
- 39 Bringing to a stop
- 41 Hairpiece
- 42 Phobia
- 44 Foyt & Unser
- 45 Lusters
- 47 Small card
- 48 Noisy bird
- 49 Bee colony
- 50 ___ tea
- 52 "The Sun ___ Rises"; Hemingway novel
- 53 Military funeral sound
- 54 Negatives
- 55 VP after Dan Quayle
- 59 ___ Jersey

Nevada fighting to keep 'zombie deer' from entering state

Associated Press LAS VEGAS (AP) — Zombie deer may sound like something in a bad B-movie, but wildlife regulators say they're real and officials are working to keep them out of Nevada.

The Las Vegas Sun reports the term relates to animals that have contracted chronic wasting disease, a highly contagious and terminal disorder that causes symptoms such as lack of fear of humans, lethargy and emaciation. It can destroy deer and elk populations.

Peregrine Wolff, a Nevada Department of Wildlife veterinarian, says officials are testing dead animals and monitoring migratory elk and deer at the state line with Utah for signs of the sickness.

Nevada legislators also passed a law earlier this year to keep parts of certain carcasses out of the state in an attempt to stop the spread of the disease.

States reporting animals with the illness include Kansas, Colorado and Wyoming. The disease is neither viral nor bacterial. Instead, it is transmitted by prions — protein particles that have been linked to brain diseases including mad cow disease in cattle and Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease in humans.

Prion diseases damage brain tissue, leading to abnormal behavior, and are incurable.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has

raised concern that chronic wasting disease may pose a risk to humans.

The minimum time between exposure and the first symptoms is thought to be 16 months, according to a study posted to the Center for Food Security and Public Health. The average incubation period is two to four years. Some studies show that animals are contagious before symptoms start. Wolff said finding just one is rare because the disease is so contagious and it remains in the environment for years. A 2004 study in the Centers for Disease Control's Emerging Infectious Diseases journal showed two captive mule deer populations were infected with the disease in separate paddocks that hadn't had infected animals in them about two years. □

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3 win Nobel Prize for showing how cells sense low oxygen

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NEW YORK (AP) — Two Americans and a British scientist won a Nobel Prize on Monday for discovering details of how the body's cells sense and react to low oxygen levels, providing a foothold for developing new treatments for anemia, cancer and other diseases.

Drs. William G. Kaelin Jr. of Harvard University, Gregg L. Semenza of Johns Hopkins University and Peter J. Ratcliffe at the Francis Crick Institute in Britain and Oxford University won the prize for advances in physiology or medicine.

The scientists, who worked largely independently, will share the 9 million kronor (\$918,000) cash award, said the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm.

They "revealed the mechanism for one of life's most essential adaptive processes," the Nobel committee said.

Cells can encounter lowered oxygen not only from situations like living at high altitudes, but also from things like a wound that interferes with local blood supply. Their response triggers reactions that include producing red blood cells, generating new blood vessels and fine-tuning the immune system.



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The Nobel committee said scientists are focused on developing drugs that can treat diseases by either activating or suppressing the oxygen-sensing machinery. Such manipulation could help in attacking cancer cells, experts said.

Another payoff is pills to boost production of red blood cells in anemia, which can appear in people with chronic kidney disease. One such drug has been approved in China and Japan and a filing for approval in the U.S. is expected soon, Kaelin said. Still other potential targets include heart attack and

stroke, and a condition of reduced blood flow in the limbs that can lead to amputation, the researchers said.

Kaelin, 61, said he was half-asleep when the phone rang Monday morning with the news of his award.

"I don't usually get phone calls at 5:00 in the morning, so, naturally, my heart started racing and I could see the call was from Stockholm," he said. "And so I think at that point I almost had an out-of-body type of experience."

Kaelin is paid by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, which also supports

AP's Health and Science department.

Ratcliffe, 65, said he learned the news after he was summoned out of a meeting this morning by his secretary, who had "a look of urgency."

Trained as a kidney specialist, Ratcliffe said his research began when he and colleagues simply wanted to figure out how cells sense oxygen.

"I thought it was a definable problem and just thought we'd find out how it worked," he said. It was about two years into their research program, which began in 1990, that they

realized the discovery had much wider significance, Ratcliffe said.

"We saw that it wasn't just cells in the kidney that know how to sense oxygen, but all cells in the body. ... There are hundreds and thousands of processes the body uses to adapt to and regulate its oxygen levels." He said while some promising drugs have been developed, it will be years before it's clear whether such discoveries are going to change the lives of tens of thousands.

In Baltimore, Semenza, 63, said he slept through the Nobel committee's initial phone call. "By the time I got to the phone it was too late," he said. He went back to sleep but was able to answer the second call from Stockholm.

He said kidney cancer may be the first malignancy in which a drug based on the prize-winning work might make chemotherapy more effective, and that he hopes many other cancers will follow.

Speaking at a news conference at Johns Hopkins University's School of Medicine, Semenza paid tribute to his biology teacher, Rose Nelson, at Sleepy Hollow High School in Sleepy Hollow, N.Y., for inspiring his pursuit of medicine. □

Discovery of 20 new moons puts Saturn ahead of Jupiter

By **MARCIA DUNN**

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.

(AP) — The solar system has a new winner in the moon department.

Twenty new moons have been found around Saturn, giving the ringed planet a total of 82, scientists said Monday. That beats Jupiter and its 79 moons.

"It was fun to find that Saturn is the true moon king," said astronomer Scott Sheppard of the Carnegie Institution for Science.

If it's any consolation to the Jupiter crowd, our solar system's biggest planet — Jupiter — still has the biggest moon. Jupiter's Ganymede is almost half the size of Earth. By contrast, Saturn's

20 new moons are minuscule, each barely 3 miles (5 kilometers) in diameter.

Sheppard and his team used a telescope in Hawaii to spot Saturn's 20 new moons over the summer. About 100 even tinier moons may be orbiting Saturn, still waiting to be found, he said.

Astronomers have pretty much completed the inventory of moons as small as 3 miles (5 kilometers) around Saturn and 1 mile (1.6 kilometers) around Jupiter, according to Sheppard. Future larger telescopes will be needed to see anything smaller.

It's harder spotting mini moons around Saturn than

Jupiter, Sheppard said, given how much farther Saturn is.

"So seeing that Saturn has more moons even though it is harder to find them, shows just how many moons Saturn has collected over time," he wrote in an email. These baby moons may have come from larger parent moons that broke apart right after Saturn formed.

Seventeen of Saturn's new moons orbit the planet in the opposite, or retrograde, direction. The other three circle in the same direction that Saturn rotates. They're so far from Saturn that it takes two to three years to complete a single orbit.

"These moons are the remnants of the objects that helped form the planets, so by studying them, we are learning about what the planets formed from," Sheppard wrote.

Just last year, Sheppard found 12 new moons around Jupiter. The Carnegie Institution had a moon-naming contest for them; another is planned now for Saturn's new moons.

The jury is still out on whether any planets beyond our solar system have even more moons. For now, Saturn has the most known moons. Monday's announcement came from the International Astronomical Union's Minor Planet Center. □

Met Opera starts regular Sunday matinees, breaking tradition

By RONALD BLUM
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Some in the audience wore tuxedos and evening gowns, others wore jeans and sneakers. There was even a man wearing a black sleeveless shirt and blue suede cowboy boots.

The Metropolitan Opera began regular Sunday-afternoon staged performances for the first time in its 136-year history with Puccini's "Turandot," an effort to boost ticket sales and revenue.

"I love it. Outstanding," said E.G. Fisher, a 51-year-old New Yorker who was attending the performance with his 15-year-old daughter, Bella, a high school junior. "We get to watch the whole opera and don't have to go home early and do homework."

As part of three-year labor contracts agreed to in the summer of 2018, the Met has the right to present up to 17 Sunday matinees this season and 27 in 2020-21. Any Sunday show will be followed by a Monday off for both performances and orchestra rehearsals. And Tuesday-morning rehearsals will have limits.

"On a weekend people can relax and devote three or four hours that an opera takes," Met general manager Peter Gelb said.



In this Aug. 1, 2014, file photo, pedestrians make their way in front of the Metropolitan Opera house at New York's Lincoln Center.

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"This is not confined to the Met. Sunday matinees on Broadway have been hugely successful."

Last season saw 75 percent of tickets sold and 69 percent of box office revenue capacity realized factoring in discounts, down from 90 percent in the 1990s. The Met said 78 percent of Sunday's tickets were sold to paying customers and next Sunday's performance of the Gershwins' "Porgy and Bess" is sold out.

The Met has long presented seven performances a week from fall through

spring: evenings from Monday through Saturday, plus a Saturday matinee. The Saturday afternoon shows have been featured since 1931 on radio, a series that runs from December through the end of the season. High-definition video simulcasts to theaters started in 2006-07 and now transmit about 10 matinees per season.

There were Grand Sunday Night Concerts from 1883-1944 plus the occasional Sunday-night staged gala, including the premieres of Herbert Graf's produc-

tion of Verdi's "Otello" with Georg Solti conducting in 1963 and of Marc Chagall's designs of Mozart's "Die Zauberflöte (The Magic Flute)" in 1967.

But moving forward, there will be regular Sunday afternoons and fewer Monday evenings — traditionally the dressiest night of the week at the Met, with a marked increase of men in white tie and tailcoats.

"This will be a massive shift in lifestyle for all of us," said Brad Gemeinhardt, a third horn and representative of the Met's orchestra com-

mittee. "For those of us with families and children in school, we now have committed another weekend day to the Met, which means we no longer have a full day to spend with our families."

As part of the labor contract, orchestra members receive an additional personal day that, with the permission of the orchestra manager, can be used to be let off from a weekend performance. Because there are more Mondays off, the Met has had to alter its schedule of final dress rehearsals, which usually take place three or four days before the first performance of a run.

"That complicates the puzzle a little bit," Met assistant general manager for performance John Sellars said. "When you're doing grand opera repertory, you've got multiple operas in performance and have multiple operas in rehearsal all simultaneously, and you have to consider how many days rest in between performances singers need."

The audience gave a huge, louder-than-usual ovation to music director Yannick Nézet-Séguin and the cast highlighted by Christine Goerke (Turandot), Yusif Eyvazov (Calaf), Eleonora Buratto (Liu) and James Morris (Timur). □

'The Liar' makes a good case for telling the truth

By OLIVE H. COGDILL
Associated Press

"The Liar," Little Brown and Co., by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen

As expected in a novel titled "The Liar," lies abound in this engaging story that is part mystery and part coming-of-age tale. Actually, it is just one liar and one lie but that one falsehood grows and multiplies and takes on a life of its own as it evolves into chaos, as author Ayelet Gundar-Goshen so persuasively shows.

Israeli teenager Nofar Shalev has spent her young life like she "lived in the world as if she were an uninvited guest at a party." Always in the shadow of her young-

er, prettier sister, Maya, ignored by her parents and pretty much invisible to her classmates, even those who have sat next to her for years, Nofar feels she has little future beyond being "a drab ice-cream server." Her main goal is that her high school crush will come into the ice cream shop where she works, notice her and become her devoted boyfriend. But when the boy does come in with some of his friends, he barely recognizes her.

The night almost ends on a worse note when she returns to the store after emptying the trash in the alley to confront an angry customer. Avishai Milner

is incensed that he had to wait for this 17-year-old to return and verbally abuses her. Avishai, who won a TV singing contest and is a well-known reality star, also has been having a bad day, having just found out that his career may be over. Fearful of this man's vile insults, Nofar runs into alley but Avishai follows and grabs her. Nofar screams bring a crowd, including the police who ask if she has been sexually assaulted and, almost without thinking, Nofar says yes. A washed-up celebrity attacking a slightly built teenager is too salacious a story to be buried, and it steamrolls through the me-



This cover image released by Little, Brown and Co. shows "The Liar," by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen.

Associated Press

dia, social media and just plain gossip. This momentum pulls in Nofar's family and people claiming to be friends.

Gundar-Goshen effectively delves into Nofar's ascent in popularity while showing her guilt about lying and her fears that she will hated and joked about if she tells the truth. The arrogant Avishai's descent is both a comeuppance that he deserves and yet he also garners sympathy. After all, being a jerk isn't a crime.

The perceptive "The Liar" makes a good case for always telling the truth, especially when the consequences of lying can be so dastardly. □

TV producer Dick Wolf making history with 'Law & Order: SVU'

NEW YORK (AP) — That familiar "cha-CHUNG" sound effect from the opening credits of "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" this Thursday will signal the debut of a new season and something else — TV history. The show's 21st season launch makes it the longest running prime-time live-action series in U.S. TV history and will finally fulfill a goal that eluded show creator

Dick Wolf nine years ago with the original "Law & Order." His hope now? Twenty-five seasons, of course. "You keep pushing the goal posts back because you don't get dealt these hands very often, obviously," Wolf told The Associated Press. "It's a continuous thrill to be able to do it." The Mariska Hargitay-led "SVU" now pulls ahead of "Gunsmoke" and the origi-



This image released by NBC shows Ice T as Sergeant Odafin "Fin" Tutuola, left, and Mariska Hargitay as Lieutenant Olivia Benson in a scene from "Law & Order: SVU."

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nal "Law & Order," which are tied with 20. ("Gunsmoke" still has more total number of episodes, while "The Simpsons," an animated prime-time series, exceeds them both.) The new record is a feather in the cap for a towering figure in TV history, who last year alone produced five shows that attracted 50 million viewers. More than 150 billion minutes were viewed of "SVU" alone, shown on NBC, USA, ION and Hulu. When everyone's talking about streaming, he's still a network guy. "The brilliance of Dick Wolf is that he still does appreciate and value the power of broadcast television," said George Cheeks, co-chairman of NBC Entertainment. "He sees the digital experience as an extension of the way to tell stories but launching them on a broadcast network is the anchor that allows other platforms and other ways for people to experience this content." Wolf was a New York ad man who left the business in 1976 and moved to Los Angeles to write scripts. He joined the writing team of the revered "Hill Street Blues" and then raised eyebrows when he jumped to the moody, unpredictable "Miami Vice."

"A lot of people said, 'How

can you go from the best show on television to a cartoon?' I said, 'Well, it's a new era,'" he said. "The stories weren't ripped from the headline but ripped from the zeitgeist." Since then, he's created a staggering amount of TV. Some didn't last — like "Mann & Machine," featuring a robot cop — but he struck gold with "Law & Order," which sparked spinoffs such as "SVU," "Criminal Intent," "Trial by Jury" and versions set in the United Kingdom and Los Angeles. Wolf has also created the so-called TV three-stack — filling Wednesday nights on NBC with back-to-back-to-back hours of "Chicago" dramas, featuring police, doctors and firefighters. "It's a mini-binge," Wolf said. "I think it's a repeatable formula." (His output also includes the procedural "FBI" on CBS and its upcoming spinoff "Most Wanted.") Wolf has triumphed with both actor churn and deep stability. "Law & Order" was a six-person ensemble that employed 29 actors during its 20 years, none of whom lasted the entire run. On the other hand, Hargitay has been on "SVU" since the start, making her Lt. Olivia Benson the longest-running prime-time drama character of all-time.

"I hate to sound cold-

blooded, but I usually see recasting as not a disaster but an opportunity. Knock wood, most of the time, it's worked out that way," said Wolf. "If you get the right person in there, it works for years. If you get the wrong person, in there, they're usually gone after a season." The achievement by "SVU" is even more remarkable since it survived its season 13 transition from a two-hander — with Hargitay partnered with actor Christopher Meloni — into a star vehicle for Hargitay. "When Chris left the show, everybody thought it was the end of the show. Most people thought the year after would be the last year. Mariska more than stepped up," said Wolf. "She is the spark plug, the leader, the face of the show." Some didn't think a TV show that deals with sex crimes would have enough material to last this long but rapper and actor Ice-T, who has been with the show for 20 years, said it taps into something that fans need. "Sexual abuse is out of control and it always has been," he said. "A lot of people have actually been through this. I think it's part show, part therapy. Maybe they didn't get justice in their life, but they look for justice on the TV show." □

Producer Brian Grazer traces his success in 'Face to Face'

By MIKE CIDONI LENNOX

Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)

— Brian Grazer says that if weren't for Eminem making eye contact with him during a tense meeting a few years ago, the rap film "8 Mile" probably wouldn't exist.

Getting people to set aside their phones and engage one another and meet eyes has been a priority of late for Grazer, the Oscar-winning producer behind films such as "A Beautiful Mind" and "Apollo 13." So much so, Grazer wrote a book about it.

One of the most dramatic sections in "Face to Face: The Art of Human Connection" is Grazer's account of an initially disastrous first meeting with Eminem.

"I could not get his attention, even though he was there to talk to me," Grazer recalled in a recent interview with The Associated Press. "He just wasn't connecting. And, eventually, he just — and I'm pretty



This Aug. 30, 2019 photo shows producer Brian Grazer posing for a portrait at his home in Santa Monica, Calif., to promote his book "Face to Face: The Art of Human Connection."

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good at creating conversation — and he just eventually said, 'I'm out. I'm leaving.'"

Grazer urged the Detroit rapper to "animate," which initially got a disapproving response. "But then he

eventually turned back and we had a conversation and he really looked at me with tremendous eye contact and we really connected on a human basis and he got very involved. And, somehow, he came to

life and he told the story of his life and how he ended up in this particular place right now, or achieved this particular place. And that became the basis of our entire movie. So, without that, there would be no

movie of '8 Mile.'"

Grazer's company, Imagine Entertainment, co-founded with director Ron Howard, would go on to produce the blockbuster "8 Mile," starring Eminem, which is loosely based on the rapper's life story. The last book he co-authored, "A Curious Mind," became a New York Times bestseller.

"Face to Face" includes other Grazer encounters with a wide range of professionals, including Microsoft co-founder and billionaire philanthropist Bill Gates, former President Barack Obama and Jonas Salk, developer of the polio vaccine.

In the book, Grazer writes that he was so nervous about meeting Salk that when it finally happened at a hotel, he projectile vomited. Salk calmly asked a waiter to get Grazer orange juice and kindly helped the producer clean up. Grazer and Salk remained friends until the doctor's death in 1995. □

Madcap confetti-throwing comic Rip Taylor has died at 84

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rip Taylor, the madcap mustached comedian with a fondness for confetti-throwing who became a television game show mainstay in the 1970s, has died. He was 84.

Taylor died Sunday in Beverly Hills, California, publicist Harlan Boll said.

The man who would become known worldwide as Rip did not have a direct line into show business. He was born Charles Elmer Taylor Jr. in Washington, D.C., to a waitress and a musician and first worked as a congressional page before serving in the Army during the Korean War, where he started performing standup.

His ascent began with spots on "The Ed Sullivan Show," where he was known as the "crying comedian." The moniker pre-dated his television stints, however, and went back to his time in the Catskills.

"I sat on a stool telling jokes, and nobody was laugh-



In this Monday, Oct. 21, 2002, file photo, comedian Rip Taylor talks with reporters before a film premiere, in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles.

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ing," he told UPI in 1992. "In desperation, I pretended to cry as I begged them to laugh. That killed 'em."

It's where he said the character "Rip" came from.

Although he readily admitted stealing jokes from USO shows, the crying co-

median bit got him to Ed Sullivan, where the host — forgetting Taylor's name — would say "get me the crying comedian."

Success begat more success, and Taylor ended up on tour with Judy Garland and Eleanor Powell in Las

Vegas in 1966.

In his over five decades in entertainment, Taylor would make over 2,000 guest star appearances on shows like "The Monkees," "The Merv Griffin Show," "The Tonight Show," "Late Night with David Letter-

man," "Hollywood Squares" and "The Gong Show." He also hosted the beauty pageant spoof "The \$1.98 Beauty Show."

With his bushy blonde toupee, exaggerated eyebrows and walrus-like mustache, Taylor was a striking presence. He was apparently so proud of his star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame that he'd regularly schedule trips to buff and clean the square at 6625 Hollywood Boulevard.

Taylor also did a fair share of voice work for animated films and television like "The Jetsons" and "The Addams Family," as Uncle Fester, which earned him an Emmy nomination.

He played himself in movies like "Wayne's World 2" and the "Jackass" movies, appeared on stage in "Anything Goes," "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," "Sugar Babies," where he took over for Mickey Rooney, as Fagin in "Oliver!" and Captain Hook in "Peter Pan." □

Arrows and smartphones: daily life of Amazon Tembe tribe

ALTO RIO GUAMA INDIGENOUS RESERVE, Brazil (AP)

— They hunt with bows and arrows, fish for piranhas and gather wild plants, while some watch soap operas on TV or check the internet on phones inside thatch-roof huts.

They paint their faces with dyes from seeds to prepare for battle and also use video technology to fight illegal loggers and other threats.

Daily life in the remote Tembe indigenous villages in the Amazon jungle of Brazil mixes tradition and modernity.

They bathe in muddy brown rivers in the mornings, and play soccer in sandy fields wearing jerseys from European teams like Chelsea in the afternoons.

In a Brazilian state ravaged by deforestation and thousands of fires, the Tembe shoot photos and video to document the cutting of trees in their land by loggers and share them on social media. They also recently met with a non-governmental group that offered the tribe drones and GPS devices to track the encroachers in exchange for harvesting wood sustainably. And like their ancestors, they plant trees to teach their children the value of preserving the world's largest rainforest, which is a critical bulwark against global warming.

"I tell my children: I planted for you, now you have to plant for your children," Cidalia Tembe said in her backyard at the Tekohaw



In this Sept. 2, 2019 photo, seven-year-old Emilia Tembe pulls back on her hand-crafted toy bow and arrow made of sticks and leaves as she stands on a fallen tree, in the Ka 'a kyr village, Para state, Brazil.

Associated Press

village, where she grows fruits, vegetables and medicinal herbs.

"These are our home remedies," she said. "We don't go to pharmacies in the city, we make our own medicines. We have more faith in what's ours."

She also proudly pointed to four sugarcane plants — each tended by one of her children — and avocados, coconuts, lemons and acai, the Amazonian berry that's a vitamin-packed breakfast staple in Brazil.

"This is paradise," her husband Muti Tembe said. "You don't see any smoke from cars that pollute because we don't have any. In the city, at midday it gets too hot. ... Here, you're at

ease and you don't hear the noises. Only the calls of birds," he said as birds chirped on trees.

One of the trees was planted by Muti's grandfather, a Tembe chieftain and Tekohaw founder. For generations, members of the tribe have extracted a black dye from that Jenipapo tree in the couple's yard to paint their body during celebrations.

During the rite of passage that can last for days, tribe members also hunt monkeys and birds that they later cook, while the young who come into adulthood jump, sing and mimic bird sounds with other members of the tribe inside a communal hut to banging of feet on the floor and the shaking of rattles.

About 2,000 Tembe live in their 1,080-square-mile (2,766-square-kilometer) Alto Rio Guama homeland, which can only be reached after long journeys on boats or on dirt roads. Villages along the Guama and Gurupi rivers that divide the reserve can range in size from a few dozen people to hundreds. The indigenous reserve is officially protected, but it's constantly under siege by loggers who illegally try to extract prized hardwood. The Amazon, 60% of which

is in Brazil, is also home to 20% of the earth's plant species, many of which are found nowhere else.

Satellite data from the Brazilian Space Agency has shown a sharp increase in deforestation and forest fires in the past year. In August, the agency issued an alert that fires in the Amazon had increased 84% in the first seven months of this year, compared with the same period in 2018.

Concern about the Amazon's rainforest, has heightened since far-right President Jair Bolsonaro took office this year with calls to loosen protections for nature reserves and indigenous lands.

"We have to fight for the

trees that allow us to breathe," said Gleison Tembe of the small village of Ka' a kyr, which in their native tongue means Green Jungle.

"The Amazon, nature, is my mother, because it raised me. The animals that it takes care of give us strength. My children only eat natural food and it all comes here from the forest, he said. "So, why deforest?"

In a corner, he dried fish in the blazing sun on a grill held by bricks. Inside his home, some of his children and nephews gathered around a cellphone on a purple hammock to watch a children's cartoon on YouTube. Later, during a short forest trek, his 7-year-old daughter Emilia climbed on a fallen tree that had burned and pointed a bow and arrow that she made with branches.

"This part used to be a native forest. This was primary jungle. But the fire arrived and it cleared the land," said Emidio Tembe, Emilia's grandfather and the Ka' a kyr chieftain who named the village.

"Our concern here is the food, the cutting of wood, the fires," said Emidio, who recently traveled to the state capital of Belem to sell his wooden handcrafts at a book fair.

"They worry us because we feed ourselves with fish, birds, what we hunt from the forest. So, for us, it's extremely important to remain in the forest, listening to the sounds of birds, the calls of the animals." □



In this Sept. 4, 2019 photo, Cajueiro chieftain Sergio Muxi Tembe leads villagers to the second day of meetings among the Tembe tribes in the Alto Rio Guama Indigenous Reserve, in Para state, Brazil.

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In this Sept. 4, 2019 photo, Cajueiro chieftain Sergio Muxi Tembe stand by as the tank of his motorcycle is filled with gas, in Para state, Brazil.

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